



PRIVACY NOTICE
(How we use student information)

West Lakes Multi-Academy Trust is the data controller under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UKGDPR) for the use of personal data explained in this Privacy Notice.

The categories of student information that we process include:

- personal identifiers like name, address, unique pupil number, and contact details etc.
- characteristics like ethnicity, language, free school meal, & pupil premium eligibility etc.
- image and voice recordings for assessment, celebration, and in CCTV for safety and security reasons.
- safeguarding information like court orders and the involvement of other professionals.
- special educational needs including the needs and ranking.
- medical information like doctors' details, child health, dental health, allergies, medicines, and dietary requirements.
- Family financial information like bank details and entitlement to meals, transport, and premium funding to manage catering, school trips etc.
- attendance like sessions attended, absences, absence reasons, previous schools attended.
- assessment and attainment like key stage 1 and phonics results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results.
- behavioural information like behaviour management plans, exclusions, and alternative provision.

Why we collect and use this information

The personal data we collect is essential for the school to fulfil official functions and meet legal requirements and we use it to:

- a) support learning,

- b) monitor and report on student attainment progress,
- c) provide appropriate pastoral care,
- d) assess the quality of what we do,
- e) keep children safe e.g. food allergies, emergency contact details, CCTV,
- f) meet the statutory duties placed on us for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections,
- g) meet the statutory duty placed upon us to report infectious diseases e.g., supporting test and trace,
- h) to record our own school history.

Under UKGDPR, the lawful bases we rely on for processing personal student information are:

- 6(1)(e) to perform a task carried out in the public interest i.e., to provide education.
- 6(1)(b) to enter into or carry out a contract e.g., to provide safe meals, trips, transport, uniform, professional photos, childcare.
- 6(1)(c) to comply with the law e.g., recording attendance, publishing results, recording the census (see Sharing with the DfE below), data sharing with child protection partners like social care, the NHS, and the Local Authority etc.
- 6(1)(a) having your consent e.g., to use images and names publicly, or use biometric data as an identifier.

When we process sensitive personal information like medical data we rely on the lawful bases:

- 9(2)(h) to prevent medical problems, assess needs, and to support health & social care services e.g. Education Health & Care Plans (EHCP), records of medicine administration.
- 9(2)(i) to improve public health e.g. we are required to report infections, like meningitis, Covid-19¹ or e-Coli, to local and national government departments;
- 9(2)(f) to make or defend legal claims e.g., some special educational needs and all accident records etc.

This list is not exhaustive. For more information about the categories of information we process and why please see the Trust's Data Protection policy and data asset register.

Collecting student data

We collect student information via registration forms at joining the Trust and refresh information (including by electronic means) throughout the time at the Trust and via Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous schools, local authorities and/or Department for Education (DfE).

Most of the student information we ask for is required by law or necessary so we can provide a good education and some of it is voluntary. To comply with UKGDPR, if you have a choice about providing information, we will tell you when we ask for it.

Storing student data

We hold student data securely in line with the Information and Records Management Society (IRMS) [Records Management Toolkit for Schools](#). This personal data is retained for a wide range of time periods from days after a successful trip for the consent form to many years after a student has left us for an accident report. For more information about how long we keep

¹ Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/maintaining-records-of-staff-customers-and-visitors-to-support-nhs-test-and-trace#information-to-collect>, if you want more information about Test and Trace, what data they collect and what they do with it.

some information for and why (data retention), and how we keep the data safe, please see the trust's Data Protection Policy and Records Management Policy.

Who we share student information with and why

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. The laws listed in this notice that require us to collect information also require us to share it. Data is transferred securely by hand delivery or registered post, via a government data transfer system like School to School, via a contractor's secure data sharing system like our online school trips safety system, and sometimes in other secure ways.

We routinely share student information with:

- Other parts of our MAT to monitor the quality of our provision, benchmark locally, and to make decisions about local policy, practice, and funding.
- Schools and other education providers students go to after leaving us to support their continuing education.
- Child development and protection partners like our local Authority Children's Services, Public Health, Inclusion & Social Care etc. to check attendance, monitor, and protect children; the NHS for medical referrals & support; private companies offering counselling and other family or support services.
- The DfE to help decide our school funding, monitor attainment & benchmark it nationally, compile league tables, develop national education policy and monitor it.
- Our Local Authority to ensure they can conduct their statutory duties under the [Schools Admission Code](#), including conducting Fair Access Panels.
- Medical services like therapists, the school nurse, or the NHS for things like screening, vaccinations, health/ eye/ dental checks, Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) provision etc. and Public Health England about certain contagious infections our students come into contact with.
- Government departments like Public Health England, Local Authority Public Health, and District Council Environmental Health Departments to comply with the law and support public health emergency action;
- Voluntary and charitable organisations (with your permission only), such as Barnardo's, our local Foodbank and similar organisations who can offer families practical help and support.

Sharing with Youth Support Services

Pupils aged 13 +

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we pass student information to our local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section [507B of the Education Act 1996](#).

This enables them to provide youth support services and careers advisers

A parent or guardian can object to any information in addition to their child's name, address and date of birth being passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the student once they reach the age 16.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via Egress and is stored and held as stated in the Data Protection Policy and Records Management Policy.

Pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils aged 16+ with our local authority and / or provider of youth support services because they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13–19-year-olds under the same section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers

A student once they reach the age of 16 can object to their name, address and date of birth being passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via Egress and is stored and held as detailed in the Trust's Data Protection Policy and Records Management Policy.

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

Sharing with the Department for Education (DfE)

The DfE collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections (as above). We are required to share this information about our pupils with them directly or via our local authority for the purpose of those data collections, under section 29(3) and section 537A of the [Education Act 1996](#); under the [Education \(School Performance Information\)\(England\) Regulations 2007](#); under regulations 5 and 8 of the [School Information \(England\) Regulations 2008](#); under the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#); under [section 83 of the Children Act 1989](#) (for monitoring and research purposes); and for census purposes under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

All data is transferred securely and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see the section on 'How Government uses your data' below.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under UKGDPR, parents, carers, and pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, please contact the Data Protection Officer at dataprotection.wlmat@westlakesmat.org.uk

Depending on which lawful basis above was used to process the data, you may also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress;
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing;

- object to decisions being taken by automated means;
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased, or destroyed; and
- seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts.

If you have a concern or complaint about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice below.

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the DPO at dataprotection.wlmat@westlakesmat.org.uk.

Last updated

This privacy notice was compiled using [DfE advice and model documents](#). We may need to review it periodically, so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on the 1st September 2021.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

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How Government uses your data

The student data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections:

- underpins school funding, which is calculated based upon the numbers of children and their characteristics in each school.
- informs 'short term' education policy monitoring and school accountability and intervention (for example, school GCSE results or Pupil Progress measures).
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy (for example how certain subject choices go on to affect education or earnings beyond school).

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the DfE (for example; via the school census) go to www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools.

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

Much of the data about pupils in England is held in the National Pupil Database (NPD).

The NPD is owned and managed by the DfE and contains information about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department.

It is held in electronic format for statistical purposes. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

To find out more about the NPD, go to www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information.

Sharing by the DfE

The law allows the DfE to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools and local authorities
- researchers
- organisations connected with promoting the education or wellbeing of children in England
- other government departments and agencies
- organisations fighting or identifying crime

For more information about the DfE's NPD data sharing process, please visit: www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data

Organisations fighting or identifying crime may use their legal powers to contact DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

For information about which organisations the DfE has provided student information, (and for which project) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with Home Office and the Police please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

How to find out what personal information the DfE holds about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the DfE:

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the DfE, please make a 'subject access request' to them. Find out how in the DfE's personal information charter published at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter

To contact the DfE go to: www.gov.uk/contact-dfe.