

Privacy Notice for St Benet's MAT Parents

Who is responsible for this information?

St Benet's MAT (the Trust) is the Data Controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice. The academy is the Data Processor and handles pupil data on behalf of the Trust.

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal eligibility)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctors' information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- assessment and attainment (such as key stage 1 and phonics results, post-16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

This list is not exhaustive, to access the current list of categories of information we process please see the academy website.

Why we collect and use pupil information:

The personal data collected is essential for the academy to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements. The Trust's primary reason for using your child's personal information is to provide them with an education.

We collect and use pupil information for the following purposes:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the Department for Education

Under the General Data Protection Regulation UK (GDPR UK), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

- collecting the data is necessary to perform tasks that schools are required to perform as part of their statutory function
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or medical conditions)
- data collected for DfE census information
- Section 537A of the Education Act 1996
- the Education Act 1996 s29(3)
- the Education (School Performance Information) (England) Regulations 2007
- regulations 5 and 8 School Information (England) Regulations 2008
- the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

In addition, concerning any special category data:

- in the case of ethnicity and fingerprint information: condition a: the data subject has given explicit consent to the processing of those personal data for one or more specified purposes, except where Union or Member State law provide that the prohibition may not be lifted by the data subject

Collecting pupil information:

We obtain pupil information via registration forms at the start of each academic year. In addition, when a child joins us from another school, we are sent a secure file containing relevant information.

Pupil data is essential for the academy's' operational use. Whilst most of the pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with GDPR UK we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

Storing pupil data:

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information regarding our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please the Trust website.

Who we share pupil information with:

We routinely share pupil information with:

- the school that the pupil attends after leaving us
- youth support services (pupils aged 13+)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Local Authorities

Why we routinely share pupil information:

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Youth support services:**Pupils aged 13+**

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil 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 services as follows:

- youth support services
- 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 child once they reach the age of 16.

Pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils aged 16+ with 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 services as follows:

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

A child once they reach the age of 16 can object to any information in addition 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 a secure file transferring system and is stored within local authority software.

For more information about services for young people, please visit the local authority website:

[Norfolk](#)

[Suffolk](#)

Department for Education

We are required to share information about our pupils with the Department for Education (DfE) either directly or via our local authority for the purpose of data collections, under:

- Section 537A of the Education Act 1996
- the Education Act 1996 s29(3)
- the Education (School Performance Information) (England) Regulations 2007
- regulations 5 and 8 School Information (England) Regulations 2008
- the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

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

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

How Government uses your data

The pupil 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 (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)

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (for example, via the school census) go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in the National Pupil Database (NPD).

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education 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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>

For information about the DfE's NPD data sharing process, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

Local Authorities

We may be required to share information about our pupils with the local authority to ensure that they can conduct their statutory duties under

- the Schools Admission Code, including conducting Fair Access Panels

Requesting access to your personal data

Under GDPR UK, parents 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, contact the Trust Data Protection Office, by email at governance@donesc.org or on 01603 550150.

You 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
- have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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

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 Trust Data Protection Officer, by email at governance@donesc.org or on 01603 550150.