



LANGTREE SCHOOL TRUSTEES’

Privacy Notice - Pupils and Parents

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Privacy Notice (How we use pupil / student information)

Under UK data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how our school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **parents and carers of pupils at our school**.

Our trust, The Langtree School Academy Trust, Reading Road, Woodcote RG8 0RA (Telephone 01491 680514) is the 'data controller' for the purposes of UK data protection law.

Our data protection officer is turnITon (see 'Contact us' below).

The categories of pupil / student information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment information
- Relevant medical information
- Special educational needs information (including the needs and ranking)
- Exclusion and behavioural information
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- Medical and administration (such as doctors' information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- Financial information
- Trips and activities
- Catering and free school meal management
- Identification management

This list is not exhaustive, for the full list of the current list of categories of information we process please contact the school.

Why we collect and use this information

We use the pupil / student data:

- to support pupil / student learning
- to monitor and report on pupil / student progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services

- for safeguarding and child protection including KCSiE 2023 filtering and monitoring
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to keep children safe (e.g. food allergies or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the DfE data collections.

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil / student information under departmental censuses and the Education Act 1996. For more information on the school census process and requirements see:

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

We collect and process data under the following legal basis for processing:

Article 6 (UK GDPR)

1. the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes;
2. processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;

Article 9 (UK GDPR)

1. the data subject has given explicit consent to the processing of their personal data for one or more specified purposes, except where Union or Member State law provide that the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 may not be lifted by the data subject.

Collecting pupil / student information

Whilst the majority of pupil / student information comes via the mandatory Common Transfer File (CTF) from the student's previous school, some of it is provided to us by parents / carers on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil / student information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing pupil / student data

We hold pupil / student data in line with the IRMS Toolkit data storage guidelines (including time scales).

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

We will dispose of your personal data securely when the mandatory retention time is reached, unless there is a statutory requirement for us to retain it.

Who we share pupil / student information with

We routinely share pupil / student information with:

- schools that the pupil's / students attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- agencies including the School Nurse and the NHS
- curriculum resources (all web resources are checked, and minimal details are shared with online teaching resources)
- Auditors
- Health Authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals.

Why we share pupil / student information

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

We share pupils' / students' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our pupils / students with the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils / Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

Use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools (Google Workspace)

We use integrated artificial intelligence (AI) tools within our **Google Workspace for Education** environment to enhance school operations and to support teaching and learning. These tools are used for defined purposes such as improving administrative efficiency, drafting and summarising content, and providing accessibility support.

How we ensure your data is safe when using AI:

- **Data Privacy:** We use enterprise-grade school accounts. These are specifically configured to ensure that student and parent data, as well as the prompts entered by staff, are **not used to train Google's general large language models**. All data processing remains within the school's secure, controlled environment.
- **Human Oversight:** AI is used to assist staff, not to replace them. All AI-generated outputs are reviewed and fact-checked by a member of staff for accuracy before being used or shared.

- **No Automated Decision-Making:** We do not use AI tools to make automated decisions that have legal or similarly significant effects on students or their families.
- **Data Minimisation:** Staff are trained to use anonymised data wherever possible and are prohibited from inputting sensitive "special category" data into AI tools unless it is strictly necessary and has undergone a rigorous risk assessment.

The lawful basis for processing: We process pupil and parent data using these approved AI tools under the lawful basis of **Public Task (Article 6(1)(e))**, as these tools are used to support the school's core educational and administrative functions.

Context for implementation

- **Lawful basis:** Experts recommend using **Public Task** as the primary lawful basis for AI use in schools rather than consent, as consent can be difficult to manage and withdraw in this context.
- **Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA):** The school must maintain a robust DPIA for these tools, specifically covering the types of data entered and the risks regarding bias or over-reliance.
- **Transparency:** This notice fulfills the requirement under UK data protection law to inform individuals about how their personal data is being processed

Data collection requirements

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)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about pupils / students 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.

We are required by law to provide information about our pupils / students to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils / students) (England) Regulations 2013.

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

The department may share information about our pupils / students from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance.

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure that the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether the DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of the data requested: and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data.

To be granted access to pupil / student information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data-sharing process, please visit:

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

For information about the organisations to which the department has provided pupil / student information (and for which project), please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

To contact the DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

Youth support services for pupils aged 13+

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

- youth support services
- careers advisers.

The information shared is limited to the child's name, address and date of birth. However where a parent or guardian provides their consent, other information relevant to the provision of youth support services will be shared. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once they reach the age of 16.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via Wonde and held for the statutorily required retention period.

The lawful bases for processing personal data

The lawful bases for processing personal information are:

- In accordance with the 'public task' basis to process data to fulfil our official duties
- in accordance with the 'legal obligation' basis to process data to meet our responsibilities
- In accordance with the 'consent' basis - we will get consent from you to use your personal data
- In accordance with the 'vital interests' basis - we will use this personal data in a life-or-death situation
- In accordance with the 'contract' basis - we need to process personal data to fulfil a contract with you or to help you enter into a contract with us
- In accordance with the 'legitimate interests' basis where there's a minimal privacy impact and we have a compelling reason, including:
 - for photography
 - for our catering company where data is shared.

The lawful bases for processing special category data

The lawful bases for processing 'special category' data collected (i.e. more sensitive personal information) use the following conditions for processing as set out in UK data protection law:

- We obtained your explicit consent to use your information in a certain way
- We need to use your information under employment, social security or social protection law
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. to protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you are physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The information has already been made obviously public by you
- We need to use it to make or defend against legal claims
- We need to use it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation
- We need to use it for health or social care purposes, and it's being used by, or under the direction of, a professional person obliged to confidentiality under law
- We need to use it for public health reasons, and it's used by, or under the direction of, a professional person obliged to confidentiality under law
- We need to use it for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes, or for statistical purposes, and the use is in the public interest.

For criminal offence data, we will only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and a condition for processing, as set out in UK data protection law. Conditions include:

- We obtained your consent to use it in a specific way
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data concerned has already been made obviously public by you

- We need to use it as part of legal proceedings, to obtain legal advice, or to make or defend against legal claims
- We need to use it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation.

Keeping your personal information secure

We have appropriate security measures in place to prevent personal information from being accidentally lost or used or accessed in an unauthorised way. We limit access to your personal information to those who have a genuine need to know it. Those processing your information will do so only in an authorised manner and are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We also have procedures in place to deal with any suspected data security breach. We will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected data security breach where we are legally required to do so.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and pupils / students 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 records, in the first instance please contact the school's Data Protection Lead in the 'contact us' section below.

Accessing personal information that we hold about you

You have a right to make a 'Subject Access Request' to gain access to personal information that we hold about you. Subject to any exemptions that may apply, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form.

You may also have the right for your personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances such as for verified representation.

Your other data rights

Under data protection law, you have certain rights regarding how your personal data is used and kept safe. For example, you 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 and challenge the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- withdraw your consent, where you previously provided it for the collection, processing and transfer of your personal data for a specific purpose
- in certain circumstances, be notified of a data breach
- make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance using the 'contact us' details below. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Other policies which may reference this Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice also applies in addition to the School's/Trusts other relevant terms and conditions and policies, including:

- any contract between the School and its staff or the parents of students;
- the School's policy on taking, storing and using images of students;
- the School's policy on the use of CCTV;
- the School's Retention of Records policy, (IRMS template);
- the School's Safeguarding and Pastoral policy
- the School's Health and Safety policy, including how concerns or incidents are recorded;
- the School's IT policies, including its Acceptable Use policy and Online Safety policy.

Further Information

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this Privacy Notice, In the first instance please contact the School's Data Protection Lead below:

Position	Name	Email	Phone
School Data Protection Lead	Carolyn Ventress	<u>cventress@langtreesc</u> <u>hool.com</u>	01491 220131
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