

Pupils/Parents/Carers Privacy Notice



We are Oliver Thomas Nursery School & Children's Centre. The school is the Data Controller as defined in Data Protection Legislation.

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

- Basic details (such as name, age, gender, unique pupil number)
- Contact details (such as address, telephone number, email address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- SEND information
- Child Protection information
- Relevant medical information
- National Curriculum Assessments/results
- Individual Assessment Data
- Exclusion/Behaviour Information
- School pupils attend after they leave us
- Photographs
- CCTV Footage

We may also collect, store and use information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This may include information about:

- disability
- ethnicity
- health
- religion

Why we collect and use this information

We collect and hold personal information relating to our pupils/parents/carers. We may also receive information about pupils from their previous school, local authority and/or the Department for Education (DfE). We use the personal information:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to safeguard pupils
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to contact next of kin (educational matters & emergencies)

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We only collect and use personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest

Less commonly, we may also process personal information in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where we have obtained consent to use personal information, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Collecting information

Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing information

Personal information relating to pupils/parents/carers is stored in line with the school's Data Retention Policy.

In accordance with the UK GDPR, the school does not store personal information indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task the data was collected for originally.

Who we share information with

We routinely share personal information with:

- schools which pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Management Information System software suppliers (Safeguard, BROMCOM)
- the school photographers (once/twice a year)
- school to school networks
- relevant NHS staff including school nurse, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, audiologists, CAMHS, education psychologists etc.
- school social media network (school website, school newsletter, Facebook, local magazines and newspapers)

Why we share information

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

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

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>

We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal information to a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Requesting access to your personal information

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, please contact the school.

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal information 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 information rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

Further information

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

Our Data Protection Officer is The Education Space who can be contacted at dpo@theeducationspace.co.uk

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

info@oliverthomas.newham.sch.uk