



Bewdley Primary School Privacy Notice (September 2024) (how we use children in need and children looked after information)

In the UK, data protection is governed by the [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#) and the [Data Protection Act 2018](#)

The categories of personal information that we process include:

- personal information (such as name, date of birth and address)
- characteristics (such as gender, ethnicity and disability)
- episodes of being a child in need (such as referral information, assessment information, Section 47 information, Initial Child Protection information and Child Protection Plan information)
- episodes of being looked after (such as important dates, information on placements)
- outcomes for looked after children (such as whether health and dental assessments are up to date, strengths and difficulties questionnaire scores and offending)
- adoptions (such as dates of key court orders and decisions)
- care leavers (such as their activity and what type of accommodation they have)

Why we collect and use this information

We use this personal data to:

- a) support these children and monitor their progress
- b) provide them with pastoral care
- c) assess the quality of our services
- d) evaluate and improve our policies on children's social care

Collecting this information

Children in need and children looked after information is essential for the local authority's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with GDPR, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing personal data

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit www.bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- the Department for Education (DfE)

Why we share this information

We do not share information about our children in need or children looked after with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

The Department for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information about our children in need and children looked after with the Department for Education (DfE) for the purpose of those data collections, under: Section 83 of 1989 Children's Act, Section 7 of the Young People's Act 2008 and also under section 3 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 'How Government uses your data' section.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under General Data Protection Regulation, 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 school office.

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

The school has appointed a Data Protection Officer in order to:

- Inform and advise the Leadership Team about their obligations to comply with the GDPR and other data protection laws.
- Monitor the School's compliance with the GDPR and other laws, including managing internal data protection activities, advising on data protection impact assessments, conducting internal audits, and providing the required training to staff members.

A Service level agreement is in place for the role of DPO. The individual appointed as DPO will have professional experience and knowledge of data protection law, particularly that in relation to Schools. The DPO will report to the highest level of Leadership, which is the Senior Leadership Team. The DPO will operate independently and will not be dismissed or penalised for performing their task. Sufficient resources will be provided to the DPO to enable them to meet their GDPR obligations

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 or directly to the Information Commissioner's

Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact:

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the school office Manager.

How Government uses your data

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

- develop national policies
- manage local authority performance
- administer and allocate funding
- identify and encourage good practice

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education go to:

Children in need: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-in-need-census>

Children looked after: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-looked-after-return>

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>

Sharing by the Department

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

- schools
- 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 department's NPD data sharing process, please visit:
<https://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 department has provided pupil 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>

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