

Purley Partnership Federation



Purley Nursery School

Achieving and growing together



Christ Church Primary School

Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance

How We Use Your Information - Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

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Introduction

This notice is to help you understand how and why we collect personal information about you and what we do with that information. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your own information.

If you have any questions about this notice please contact the Data Protection Officer for either school (Anne Hudson for Christ Church C of E School and Purley Nursery) or the Executive Head Teacher of the Federation (Jo Richardson).

Please note: The GDPR data protection rules introduced by the EU in May 2018 are part of UK law **even after Brexit**, under the Data Protection Act. The regulation imposes strict restrictions on what data controllers can do with individuals' personal data.

What is personal information?

Personal information is information that identifies you as an individual and relates to you.

This includes your contact details, next of kin and financial information. We may also hold information such as your religion or ethnic group. CCTV, photos and video recordings of you are also personal information.

The term "parent" is widely defined in education law to include the natural or adoptive parents (regardless of whether parents are or were married, whether a father is named on a birth certificate or has parental responsibility for the pupil, with whom the pupil lives or whether the pupil has contact with that parent), and also includes non-parents who have parental responsibility for the pupil, or with whom the pupil lives.

It is therefore possible for a pupil to have several “parents” for the purposes of education law. This privacy notice also covers other members of pupils’ families who we may process data about from time to time, including, for example, siblings, aunts and uncles and grandparents.

Why do we collect and use parent / carer information?

We collect and use parent / carer information under the following lawful bases:

- a. where we have the consent of the data subject (Article 6 (a));
- b. where it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation (Article 6 (c));
- c. where processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or another person (Article 6(d));
- d. where it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller (Article 6 (e))

Where the personal data we collect about parents / carers is sensitive personal data, we will only process it where:

- a. we have explicit consent;
- b. processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent; and / or
- c. processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, where we respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

Please see our General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Policy for a definition of sensitive personal data.

We use the parent / carer data to support our functions of running a school, in particular:

- a. to decide who to admit to the school;
- b. [to maintain a waiting list];
- c. to support pupil learning;
- d. to monitor and report on pupil progress;
- e. to provide appropriate pastoral care;
- f. to assess the quality of our services;
- g. to comply with the law regarding data sharing;
- h. for the protection and welfare of pupils and others in the school, including our safeguarding / child protection obligations;
- i. for the safe and orderly running of the schools;
- j. to promote the schools;
- k. to send you communications that may be of interest to you which may include information about school events or activities, news, campaigns, appeals, other fundraising activities;
- l. in order to respond to investigations from our regulators or to respond to complaints raised by our stakeholders;
- m. in connection with any legal proceedings threatened or commenced against the school.

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

- a. Personal information (such as name, address, telephone number and email address);

- b. Information relating to your identity, marital status, employment status, religion, ethnicity, language, medical conditions, nationality, country of birth and free school meal / pupil premium eligibility / entitlement to certain benefits, information about court orders in place affecting parenting arrangements for pupils);

From time to time and in certain circumstances, we might also process personal data about parents / carers, some of which might be sensitive personal data, information about criminal proceedings / convictions or information about child protection / safeguarding.

This information is not routinely collected about parents / carers and is only likely to be processed by the school in specific circumstances relating to particular pupils, for example, if a child protection issue arises or if a parent / carer is involved in a criminal matter.

Where appropriate, such information may be shared with external agencies such as the child protection team at the Local Authority, the Local Authority Designated Officer and / or the Police.

Such information will only be processed to the extent that it is lawful to do so and appropriate measures will be taken to keep the data secure.

We collect information about parents / carers before pupils join the school and update it during pupils' time on the roll as and when new information is acquired.

Collecting parent / carer information

Whilst the majority of information about parents / carers provided to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us 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 parent / carer information to us or if you have a choice in this. Where appropriate, we will ask parents / carers for consent to process personal data where there is no other lawful basis for processing it, for example where we wish to ask your permission to use your information for marketing purposes or to request voluntary contributions. Parents / carers may withdraw consent given in these circumstances at any time.

In addition, the schools also use CCTV cameras around the sites for security purposes and for the protection of staff and pupils. CCTV footage may be referred to during the course of disciplinary procedures (for staff or pupils) or to investigate other issues. CCTV footage involving parents / carers will only be processed to the extent that it is lawful to do so. Please see our CCTV policy for more details.

Storing parent / carer data

A majority of personal data is stored electronically, for example, on our database, Arbor. Some information may also be stored in hard copy format.

Data stored electronically may be saved on a cloud-based system which may be hosted in a different country. We ensure that this country is compliant with the EU regulations.

Personal data may be transferred to other countries if, for example, we are arranging a school trip to a different country. Appropriate steps will be taken to keep the data secure and checks are made around the compliance of the company that we send it to.

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, insurance or reporting requirements.

Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal information are available in our Data Retention Policy which is available from each school's website.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

In some circumstances, we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you. Once you are no longer a parent / carer of a child at the school we will retain and securely destroy your personal information in accordance with our data retention policy OR applicable laws and regulations.

In exceptional circumstances, we may keep your information for a longer time than usual but we would only do so if we had a good reason and only if we are allowed to do so under data protection law.

Who do we share parent / carer information with?

We routinely share parent / carer information with:

- schools that pupils attend after leaving us;
- external agencies that are involved with the family
- ParentPay

From time to time, we may also share parent / carer information other third parties including the following:

- our local authority, CROYDON
- a pupil's home local authority (if different to above);
- the Department for Education (DfE);
- school governors / trustees;
- the central team at SDBE;
- the Police and law enforcement agencies;
- NHS health professionals including the school nurse, educational psychologists, CAMHS etc
- Education Welfare Officers;
- Courts, if ordered to do so;
- the Teaching Regulation Authority;
- Prevent teams in accordance with the Prevent Duty on schools;
- other schools, for example, if we are negotiating a managed move and we have your consent to share information in these circumstances;
- Diocesan Officers at the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education for the purposes of receiving educational support for Christ Church School;
- Christ Church, Purley (the church);
- our legal advisors;

- our insurance providers / the Risk Protection Arrangement;

Some of the organisations referred to above are joint data controllers. This means we are all responsible to you for how we process your data.

In the event that we share personal data about parents / carers with third parties, we will provide the minimum amount of personal data necessary to fulfil the purpose for which we are required to share the data. For example, names and contact details.

Sending information to other countries

We may send your information to other countries where:

- we store information on computer servers based overseas
- we communicate with you or your child when you are overseas (for example, during the summer holidays if you live in a different country).

The European Commission has produced a list of countries which have adequate data protection rules that are in line with the GDPR 2018. The list can be found here:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/international-transfers/adequacy/index_en.htm

If the country that we are sending your information to is not on the list or, is not a country within the EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland) then it might not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is the UK. We assess all the suppliers and processors of your data to ensure that they are compliant with the EU regulations of May 2018.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents / carers have the right to request access to information about you that we hold ("Subject Access Request").

To make a request for your personal data, please contact your school's Data Protection Officer, although any written request for personal data will be treated as a Subject Access Request.

The legal timescales for the School to respond to a Subject Access Request is one calendar month. As the School has limited staff resources outside of term time, we encourage parents / carers to submit Subject Access Requests during term time and to avoid sending a request during periods when the School is closed or is about to close for the holidays where possible. This will assist us in responding to your request as promptly as possible. For further information about how we handle Subject Access Requests, please see our GDPR Policy.

Fees required

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is manifestly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

What we may need from you

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

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
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of our data protection responsibilities.

What decisions can you make about your information?

From May 2018 data protection legislation gives you a number of rights regarding your information. Some of these are new rights whilst others build on your existing rights. Your rights are as follows:

- If information is incorrect you can ask us to correct it
- You can also ask what information we hold about you and be provided with a copy. We will also give you extra information, such as why we use this information about you, where it came from and what types of people we have sent it to
- You can ask us to delete the information that we hold about you in certain circumstances. For example, where we no longer need the information
- You can ask us to send you, or another organisation, certain types of information about you in a format that can be read by computer
- Our use of information about you may be restricted in some cases. For example, if you tell us that the information is inaccurate we can only use it for limited purposes while we check its accuracy

The DPO for each school or the Executive Head Teacher can give you more information about your data protection rights.

Right to withdraw consent

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact the Designated Protection Officer for your school or the Executive Head Teacher. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

Data Protection Officer

The DPO for each school is the person responsible for managing how we look after personal information, deciding how it is shared and overseeing compliance with this privacy notice.

Like other organisations we need to keep your information safe, up to date, only use it for what we said we would, destroy it when we no longer need it and most importantly - treat the information we get fairly.

This notice is to explain how we use your personal information. Please contact the DPO at your child's school if:

- You object to us using your information for marketing purposes e.g. to send you information about school events. We will stop using your information for marketing purposes if you tell us not to; or
- You would like us to update the information we hold about you; or
- You would prefer that certain information is kept confidential.

If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how we handle your personal information, please contact:

- Mrs Anne Hudson (Christ Church School)
- Mrs Anne Hudson (Purley Nursery School)
- Mrs Jo Richardson (Executive Head Teacher of the Federation)

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF.

CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY NOTICE

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates.

We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

Our legal grounds for using your information

This section contains information about the legal basis that we are relying on when handling your information.

Legitimate interests:

This means that the processing is necessary for legitimate interests except where the processing is unfair to you. The School relies on legitimate interests for most of the ways in which it uses your information.

Specifically, the School has a legitimate interest in:

- Providing educational services to your child

- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of your child (and other children)
- Promoting the objects and interests of the schools. This includes fundraising.
- Facilitating the efficient operation of the schools
- Ensuring that all relevant legal obligations of the schools are complied with.

Necessary for a contract:

We will need to use your information in order to perform our obligations under our contract with you. For example, we need your name and contact details so that we can update you on your child's progress and so that we can contact you if there is a concern.

Legal obligation:

Where the schools need to use your information in order to comply with a legal obligation, for example to report a concern to Children's Services. We may also have to disclose your information to third parties such as the courts, the local authority or the police where legally obliged to do so.

Vital interests:

For example, to prevent someone from being seriously harmed or killed

To protect the vital interests of any person where that person cannot give consent, for example, if they are seriously hurt and are unconscious.

Public interest:

When the schools consider that it is acting in the public interest when providing education

Both schools must also both comply with an additional condition where it processes special categories of personal information. These special categories are as follows: personal information revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, genetic information, biometric information, health information, and information about sex life or orientation.

Substantial public interest:

The processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest.

Legal claims:

The processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. This allows us to share information with our legal advisors and insurers.

Medical purposes:

This includes medical treatment and the management of healthcare services.