Privacy Notice for Parents/Carers May 2018

Taking into account the General Data Protection Regulations 2018

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the 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 **pupils and parents**.

We, Parkview Nursery School, St George’s Road Millom, are the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Hayley Robinson (see ‘Contact us’ below).

**The personal data we hold**

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) includes, but is not restricted to:

* Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents
* Emergency contact numbers
* Results of internal assessments
* National insurance numbers
* Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
* Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
* Attendance information
* Safeguarding information
* Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
* Photographs

We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education.

**Why we use this data**

We use this data to:

* Support pupil learning
* Monitor and report on pupil progress
* Provide appropriate pastoral care
* Protect pupil welfare
* Assess the quality of our service
* Comply with the law regarding data sharing
* To apply for additional funding where appropriate

**Our legal basis for using this data**

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Where we have obtained consent to use pupils’ personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using pupils’ personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

**Collecting this information**

While the majority of information we collect about pupils is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

**How we store this data**

We keep personal information about pupils while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. Our record retention schedule sets out how long we keep information about pupils.

*If you would like a copy of our retention schedule please ask in the office.*

**Data sharing**

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

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with data protection law) we may share personal information about pupils with:

* *Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions and to receive funding*
* *The pupil’s family and representatives – to meet our legal obligation to share information about children’s progress*
* *Our regulator Ofsted – to enable a thorough inspection of the school*
* *Parent text service – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for*
* *Assessment tracker – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for*
* *Health authorities – to enable us to meet the health care needs of pupils*
* *Health and social welfare organisations – to enable us to support and safeguard pupils*
* *Professional advisers and consultants – to maintain high quality provision for all children*
* *Police forces, courts, tribunals – to meet our legal obligations*

**National Pupil Database**

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the early years school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information) (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

For more information, see the Department’s webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe) with any further questions about the NPD.

Parents/carers also have a legal right to access to their child’s **educational record**. To request access, please contact the Headteacher, Amanda Macdonald.

**Other rights**

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

* Object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
* Prevent it being used to send direct marketing
* Object to decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
* In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
* Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

**Complaints**

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner’s Office:

* Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
* Call 0303 123 1113
* Or write to: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

**Contact us**

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our **data protection officer**:

* Hayley Robinson – School Administrator

*This notice is based on the* [*Department for Education’s model privacy notice*](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-and-privacy-privacy-notices) *for pupils, amended for parents and to reflect the way we use data in this school.*