

PRIVACY NOTICE

How we use pupil information

Wootton Academy Trust (WAT) processes personal data. This document outlines the purpose for which we process data, on what legal basis, and other areas relating to data processing such as the type of data we hold. It also covers the rights of individuals. From the 25th May 2018 data will be processed under the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

For what purpose does WAT collect personal data?

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

On what basis do we collect and handle personal data?

WAT collects and uses pupil information under Article 6 and Article 9 of the European GDPR from 25th May 2018. Under Article 6(1)(e) our lawful basis for processing data is that it is a Public task and the processing is necessary for us to perform a task in the public interest. Under Article 9(2)(g) our lawful basis for processing sensitive data is that processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest. WAT also collects and uses data under section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children's Act 1989.

The categories of pupil information that WAT collects, holds and shares includes:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity (Special Category Data), language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment information - including internal assessment, national curriculum assessments and external exam results.
- Medical information (Special Category Data)
- Special Needs Information
- Behaviour and exclusions information
- Post 16 Learning information
- Pupil photographs

Collecting pupil information

Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to WAT is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the GDPR, WAT will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this. This includes the use of photographs for publicity.

Storing pupil data

WAT holds pupil data electronically for 20 years and paper files until the pupil is aged 25. WAT holds Statement/Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) documents until the pupil is aged 30.

Who does WAT share pupil information with?

WAT routinely shares pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)

Other categories of recipients of pupil information include:

- Health and Education professionals
- Communication providers
- Providers who support the tracking of pupil learning
- The multi-agency panel
- Payment and security systems

As well as processing personal data that we collect from you WAT also obtains information from other sources including:

- Previous Schools
- Health Professionals
- Local Authority
- Other educational providers

Aged 14+ qualifications:

For pupils enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us a pupil's unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about the pupil's learning or qualifications

The Department for Education's Data and Local Authority:

WAT shares pupils' data with the DfE on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring. WAT is required to share information about its pupils with the DfE under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on WAT by the DfE (e.g. via the school census) go to:

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

For more information about the DfE's data sharing process including the National Pupil Database, please visit:

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

For information about which organisations the DfE has provided pupil 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>

Our Pupils Aged 13+:

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, WAT also passes pupil information to our local authority 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

A Parent/Carer can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

Our pupils aged 16+:

WAT will also share certain information about pupils aged 16+ with 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:

- Post-16 education and training providers
- Youth Support Services
- Careers Advisers

Sharing pupil information:

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

Requesting access to your personal data:

Under data protection legislation, parent/carers 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 Data Controller.

You also have the right:

- To be informed of how we use personal data. *This is done through this privacy notice.*
- To have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- Of erasure. *This is also known as the right to be forgotten.*
- To data portability.
- To object to processing.

The Information Commissioner's Office [ICO] provides detailed guidelines on the rights of individuals. This can be found on the link below: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>

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 ICO at:

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

Contact:

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

Data Controller, email: dc@wootton.beds.sch.uk

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