



## **Privacy notice for parents and carers – how we use your personal data**

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 you.

We, Halton Community Combined School are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Nicola Cooke (see 'Contact us' below).

### **The personal data we hold**

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

- Contact details and contact preferences
- Photographs

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

- Characteristics, such as ethnicity, languages spoken and eligibility for certain benefits
- Family circumstances
- Physical and mental health, including medical conditions
- Support received, including care packages, plans and support providers

We may also hold data about you that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and social services.

### **Why we use this data**

We use this data to:

- Report to you on your child's attainment and progress
- Keep you informed about the running of the school (such as emergency closures) and events
- Process payments for school services and clubs
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare
- Assess the quality of our services
- Comply with our legal and statutory obligations

## **Use of your personal data for marketing purposes**

Where you have given us consent to do so, Halton CC School may send you marketing information by email or text promoting school events, campaigns, charitable causes or services that may be of interest to you. You can withdraw consent for receiving these emails and/or texts at any time by clicking by contacting the school office or our data protection officer.

## **Our legal basis for using this data**

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

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need to perform an official task in the public interest
- We need to fulfil a contract we have entered into with you

Where you have provided us with consent to use your data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent, and explain how you would go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

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

## **Collecting this information**

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

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice.

## **How we store this data**

We keep personal information about you while your child is 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 Records Retention policy sets out how long we keep information about parents and carers. This can be viewed on the school website in the Key Information section.

## **Data sharing**

We do not share information about you 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 you with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions

- The Department for Education – who collect personal data from us via statutory data collections such as the school census and assessment data
- The pupil’s family and representatives – to meet our legal obligations such as annual reports, attendance data
- Our regulator –Ofsted- to meet our statutory duty within the OFSTED framework to allow access within certain situations to sensitive data such as the Single Central Record and safeguarding information.
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for such as Princes Risborough Hub, our hot meal provider.
- Health authorities – to enable them to fulfil their national health programmes such as the flu immunization programme or heights/weights checks.
- Health and social welfare organisations-so we can ensure the welfare of the children under the school duty of care such as Social Care, school nurses
- Professional advisers and consultants- to meet our educational statutory responsibilities to identify barriers to children’s learning such as Educational Psychologists, CAMHS
- Charities and voluntary organisations- to support the welfare of the children under the school duty of care such as Barnardo’s Buddies, Women’s Aid
- Police forces, courts, tribunals – to fulfil our duty to work in the best interests of the child to keep them safe and appropriately supported such as section 47 child protection cases, SEN education tribunals

### **Transferring data internationally**

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

### **Your rights**

How to access personal information that we hold about you

Individuals have a right to make a ‘subject access request’ to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

You may also have the right for your personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances

If you would like to make a request, please contact our data protection officer.

### **Your other rights regarding your data**

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

- Object to the use of your personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing
- Object to the use of your personal data for 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**:

**Nicola Cooke** – [dpo@learningtrust.net](mailto:dpo@learningtrust.net)

*This notice is based on the Department for Education's model privacy notice for pupils, amended for parents and carers and to reflect the way we use data in this school.*