



# Balsall Common Primary School

(Part of Central Schools Trust)

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## BCPS FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE – PUPIL INFORMATION

### What we need and why we need it

We collect, use and store personal information about our pupils and their parents/carers; this information helps us to:

- support our pupils' teaching and learning;
- follow and report on our pupils' progress;
- provide the right care and support for our pupils;
- understand how well our school is doing as a whole
- fulfil our duties under relevant legislation and regulations.

We may occasionally ask you for consent to use your information; however, we will make this clear where consent is our lawful basis.

The information we collect, use and store includes names and contact details, date of birth, assessment marks and results, attendance records, any exclusion information, Special Educational Needs information (if relevant), disability information (if relevant), gender, Free school meal entitlement, home language, ethnic group and any relevant medical information.

For a more comprehensive list of the information held by schools, please see the Department for Education (DfE) Common Basic Data Set, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-basic-data-set-cbds-database>

### Information we receive

If you provide us with contact details of others, for example, in case of emergency or when you may not be available please ensure they are aware their information has been passed to the school.

We will also receive the above types of personal information, where relevant, from the previous school or nursery and may also receive information from the Local Authority (LA) and the DfE.

## **Who we share it with**

Effective and relevant information sharing between parents, schools, LAs and the DfE is necessary to ensuring that all children are safe and receiving suitable education.

### **1. Local Authority and Department for Education**

We are required, by law, to pass certain information about our pupils to the LA, and the DfE. Where relevant this may include reporting safeguarding concerns to Social Services at the LA or to request education support services.

The DfE may also share pupil level personal data that we supply to them, with third parties. This will only take place where legislation allows it to do so and it is in compliance with the Data Protection law. Decisions on whether the DfE releases this personal data to third parties are subject to a robust approval process and are based on a detailed assessment of who is requesting the data, the purpose for which it is required, the level and sensitivity of data requested and the arrangements in place to store and handle the data. For more information on how this sharing process works, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-pupil-database-apply-for-adataextract>

For information on which third party organisations (and for which project) the DfE have provided pupil level data to, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requestsreceived>

### **2. Further Routine Sharing**

We routinely share pupils' information with the following organisations:

- SIMS – a Capita run School Information System used by Solihull Schools and supported by Solihull MBC.
- Evisits – a Solihull Council approved organisation used for recording data information for school educational visits
- ParentPay – a Solihull Council approved secure communication and payment system
- Parents Evening System – Online booking service for parents' evenings and after school clubs/activities
- O Track – a data processing organisation who provide a platform for school to assess and track pupil progress and achievement
- iPAL – Before and after school club booking system
- Synergy Portal – a Solihull MBC supported portal for recording Early Years funding for 2 & 3 year olds
- Micro-Librarian – School library system
- CPOMS – a pupil safeguarding monitoring system
- SCR (Single Central Record) Tracker – a record of security checks for all staff, governors, volunteers, contractors, external club leaders to ensure safeguarding of pupils
- Studybugs – an absence reporting and secure communication system.

Some of the software used in school and for home educational use also links through to the SIMS database in order to keep the pupils' records up to date. These include:

- Education City – an educational games website
- PurpleMash – a website with interactive activities to help support learning
- Times Table Rockstars – an interactive support for times tables

### **3. Other Schools**

We will pass information about a pupil to their next school in order that their educational record is maintained for a pupil's entire school life. This is via a Department for Education secure portal.

### **4. Attendance and Welfare Support**

We have contracted Central School & Attendance Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS) to provide an attendance and welfare support service. If we have any attendance or welfare concerns, we will pass parents' names and contact details, pupil's registration certificates and details about our concerns to this team. More information about how CSAWS uses and stores personal information can be found here: [www.csaws.co.uk](http://www.csaws.co.uk)

### **5. NHS**

We sometimes need to share personal information with NHS teams, such as the School Nurse team who promote health and emotional wellbeing in schools and provide services such as health assessments and immunisation programmes. For more information, please contact South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust at [www.swft.nhs.uk](http://www.swft.nhs.uk).

### **How long we keep it**

The information we collect, use and store about pupils and their parents/carers is retained either until it is updated/superseded or until the pupil leaves. If we are the pupil's last known school, we will retain the information until the pupil is at least 25 years old; this ties in with the Limitation Act 1980.

### **Your rights**

Data Protection law allows an individual to ask the school for copies of the information we hold about them or their children. If you would like more information about this, please contact either Mr Ireland, Deputy Headteacher or Ms Cook, Data Protection Officer. If at any point you believe the information we hold is inaccurate or you have concerns about our use of it, please let us know.

### **Parental Consents**

We have collected consent from parents to process information about photographs and videoing (for internal use around school, school website/newsletters and social media). Please note that you have a right to withdraw consent at any time and can contact the school office to do this.



## **Contact**

For more information on the content of this Notice, how Balsall Common Primary School complies with Data Protection law, or if you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled personal information please contact Mr Ireland, Deputy Headteacher or Ms Cook, Data Protection Officer at the school address, who will respond or investigate the matter.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are not processing your personal data in accordance with Data Protection law you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

For more information about how the LA stores and uses the information we pass to them, please contact Education Information Management Services

Tel: 0121 704 8313

Email: [eims@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:eims@solihull.gov.uk)

For more information about how the DfE stores and uses information about pupils, you can visit the following website or contact them at the details below:

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

Tel: 0370 000 2288

Contact form: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>