



**THE BRIDGE
FEDERATION**
BUILT ON CHRISTIAN VALUES

The Bridge Federation Pupil Privacy Notice

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How we use pupil information

Schools in The Bridge Federation are 'data controllers' for the purposes of Data Protection legislation, they process personal information about their pupils. They also collect information from you and may receive information about your child from their previous school.

The categories of pupil information that are collected, held and shared include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment information
- Relevant medical information
- Special Educational Needs Information

Why we collect and use this information

We use this pupil information for the following purposes:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- to assess the quality of our services
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us

The lawful basis on which we use this information

Usually, we collect and hold your information to enable us to comply with a legal obligation or because we are acting in the public interest or exercising our official authority as a public body. For example, our legal obligation is to deliver education provision to primary school children and we have a duty, under s11 Children Act 2004 to safeguard and promote the

welfare of children. We therefore have to collect and process personal data to enable us to comply with these obligations.

If we are entering into a contract with you it will be necessary for us to process your data for this purpose.

If we decide we need your consent to process your data we will contact you separately about this.

If we believe there is another legal basis for processing your personal data we will advise you of this at the time we collect the data from you.

We also process special category data in line with bases from Article 9 of the GDPR, for instance where we have received explicit consent or where there is substantial vital interest.

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information via the registration forms that are given when the child starts school.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide 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 pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data for the time that your child attends our school, after which the data is transferred to the next school that your child attends.

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- School Nurse (NHS)
- Parent Pay (pupils' names for school payments)
- Parent Mail (pupils' families for school communications)

Why we share pupil information

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

We share pupils' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents 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, please contact the school, by email, as follows:

Salehurst Church of England Primary School: salehurstoffice@thebridgefederation.org

Staplecross Methodist Primary School: staplecrossoffice@thebridgefederation.org

You also have the right to:

- ask us for access to information about you that we hold.
- have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing.
- request we restrict the processing of your personal data (i.e permitting its storage but no further processing).
- object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics.
- not be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces legal or similarly significant effect on you.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section.

Last updated

We will update this privacy notice annually, so we recommend that you revisit this information annually.

Data Protection Officer

Our data protection officer is Roger Simmons

However, please contact the school in the first instance if you have a query regarding this privacy notice or how your information is used.

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information

about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department. It is held in electronic format for statistical purposes. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our pupils from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and 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

To be granted access to pupil information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data> For information about which organisations the department 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 DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

Sharing by the Department

The law allows the Department to share information about our pupils from the NPD with certain third parties, including:

- schools and local authorities
- researchers

- organisations connected with promoting the education or wellbeing of children in England
- other government departments and agencies
- organisations fighting or identifying crime

For more information about the department's NPD data sharing process, please visit:

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Organisations fighting or identifying crime may use their legal powers to contact DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

For information about which organisations the department has provided pupil information, (and for which project) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with home Office and the Police please visit the following website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections:

- underpins school funding, which is calculated based upon the numbers of children and their characteristics in each school.
- informs 'short term' education policy monitoring and school accountability and intervention (for example, school GCSE results or Pupil Progress measures).
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy (for example how certain subject choices go on to affect education or earnings beyond school)

Data collection requirements:

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (for example; via the school census) go to

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