

Oaklands Nursery & Oaklands Childcare (Wolstanton) Ltd Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share 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 (such as chronic conditions or allergies)
- Special Educational Needs information (such as referrals to specialists such as Educational Psychologist, Speech & Language professionals)

Why we collect and use this information

We use the pupil 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

The lawful basis on which we use this information

As a UK public authority we process information under the basis of **public task** to carry out our official functions'

We collect and use pupil information under

- Education Act 1996 (for data collection for DFE Census)
- The requirements of the Local Authority for national reporting purposes

Where **Consent** is required, it is obtained explicitly with clear and concise supporting information and advice. Explicit Consent is routinely obtained for the following reason:

- Photographs/moving images

Explicit consent will also be sought for any individual event/circumstance as it arises, eg Student studies, visiting journalists/media, ie non-routine events.

In the event of an emergency, where the sharing of medical information with the appropriate medical authorities may protect someone's life, we do this under the basis of **Vital Interests**.

Collecting pupil information

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 personal data securely stored on a password protected database – Schools Information Management System (SIMS).

Sensitive data, eg Special Educational Needs, are passed on to the child's next school for retention on the pupil's file.

Child Protection data is stored in a locked filing cabinet/cupboard for 6 years from the date of the incident.

We hold attendance data for 3 years after the date of leaving Oaklands.

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil will attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Pupil Asset (assessment toolkit)
- ReportBox reporting service

Why we share pupil information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone 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.

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/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

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>

Collecting parent data

Whilst the majority of 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 personal information to us or if you have a choice in this.

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils' name, address, parental responsibility to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. We also are required to provide certain data to establish eligibility for funding streams (such as Early Years Pupil Premium, Early Education Funding and 30 hour funding)

In addition, we collect your personal data in order to contact you in case of emergency, or to keep you informed of school events.

Storing parents' data

We hold parent data along with pupil data for 3 years from the child's date of leaving Oaklands. This data is securely stored on a password protected management information database (SIMS).

Who we share parents' information with

We routinely share parents' information with:

- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Teachers2Parents (texting service)

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, contact Sara Bailey, Headteacher, or Debbie Davies, Bursar, in the first instance who will contact our Data Protection Officer as necessary.

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and

- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

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/>

Contact

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

Mrs Bailey (Headteacher) or

Mrs Davies (Bursar)

in the first instance.

You can also contact our Data Protection Officer using the below contact details.

Email: dpo@staffordshire.gov.uk

Post to:

*Data Protection Officer
Information Governance Unit
Staffordshire County Council
2 Staffordshire Place
Stafford
ST16 2DH*

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