



Privacy Notice

(How we use children in need and children looked after information)

The categories of this information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- personal information (such as name, unique, pupil number, date of birth and address, family contact details, medical conditions and dietary needs)
- characteristics (such as gender, ethnicity, disability, language, nationality, country of birth, religion, free school meal eligibility,)
- information relating to episodes of being a child in need (such as referral information, assessment information, behavioural information, special educational needs information, Section 47 information, Initial Child Protection information and Child Protection Plan information)
- episodes of being looked after (such as important dates, information on placements)
- outcomes for looked after children (such as whether health and dental assessments are up to date, strengths and difficulties questionnaire scores and offending)
- adoptions (such as dates of key court orders and decisions)
- care leavers (such as their activity and what type of accommodation they have)

Why we collect and use this information

We use this personal data to:

- support these children and monitor their progress
- provide them with pastoral care
- assess the quality of our services
- evaluate and improve our policies on children's social care
- to safeguard pupils

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and process information about children in our care and children to whom we provide services to meet legal requirements and legitimate interests set out in the GDPR and UK law, including those in relation to the following:

- Article 6 and Article 9 of the GDPR
- Education Act 1996
- Regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013

Collecting this information

Whilst the majority of children looked after information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the data protection legislation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing this information

In accordance with the GDPR, the school does not store personal data indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task for which it was originally collected. Therefore, we only hold children in need and children looked after data until the child leaves the primary school – data is then transferred to the forwarding school and kept until the child reaches the age of 25.

Who we share this information with

The school is required to share pupils' data with the DfE on a statutory basis.

The National Pupil Database (NPD) is managed by the DfE and contains information about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable information on the background and circumstances on a child's journey and 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.

Forsbrook CE Primary School is required by law to provide information about our pupils to the DfE as part of statutory data collections, such as the school 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 DfE may share information about our pupils from the NDP with third parties who promote the education or wellbeing of children in England by:

- Conducting research or analysis.

- Producing statistics.
- Providing information, advice or guidance.

The DfE has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of any data shared from the NDP is maintained. 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>

Forsbrook CE Primary School will not share information about our children in need or children looked after with any third parties without your consent, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. The school routinely shares pupils' information with:

- Pupils' destinations upon leaving the school
- The LA
- The NHS
- The DfE

Why we share this information

Department for Education (DfE) - We share children in need and children looked after data with the Department on a statutory basis, under Section 83 of 1989 Children's Act, Section 7 of the Young People's Act 2008 and also under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

This data sharing helps to develop national policies, manage local authority performance, administer and allocate funding and identify and encourage good practice.

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education go to:

Children looked after: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-looked-after-return>

Children in need: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-in-need-census>

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents, carers and children have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information contact Mrs Minor, Headteacher, in writing, stating exactly what information you require.

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, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance by emailing DPO@staffordshire.gov.uk or directly to 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 Minor, Headteacher, via email: admin@forsbrook.staffs.sch.uk**