

Our mission at Wharton CE is rooted in Proverbs 22 v 6

“Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it”



Wharton CE Primary School

Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3EP

School Privacy Policy

PRIVACY NOTICE FOR PUPILS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

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Who Will Own My Data Once I Submit It?

Wharton CE Primary School

Why Do You Need My Information?

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to protect pupil welfare
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to administer admissions waiting lists

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
- Exclusions/behavioural information
- Relevant medical information
- Special educational needs information

What Allows You To Use My Information?

We collect and process pupil information as part of our public functions under both the Data Protection Act and Article 6, part (e) of the General Data Protection Regulation.

The legislation and guidance that allows us to do this in the UK includes, but is not limited to:

- [The Education Pupil Registration \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)
- [Education \(Information About Individual Pupils\) \(England\) Regulations 2013](#)
- [Education Act 2002](#)
- [Education Act 2011](#)
- [Government Guidance on Schools and Education](#)

Who Will My Information Be Shared With?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupils attend after leaving us.
- Our local authority.
- The Department for Education (DfE).
- The pupil's family and representatives – to meet our obligations to share certain information with them, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions.
- Our regulator (e.g. Ofsted) to meet our legal obligations.
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service for which we have contracted them e.g. school photographers.
- Our auditors – necessary for compliance with a legal obligation.
- Health authorities – necessary for compliance with our legal obligation, such as safeguarding. In other cases the health professional seeks consent through the school.
- Police Forces, courts, tribunals – necessary for compliance with a legal obligation.

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 the [Department for Education's website](#).

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections, such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the National Pupil Database.

Visit the [National Pupil Database \(NPD\) website](#) for further information on the National Pupil Database.

The Department for Education may share information about our pupils from the National Pupil Database 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

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 in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit the [Department of Education's website](#).

Do I Have To Provide This Information And What Will Happen If I Don't?

The majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory as part of our public functions under both the Data Protection Act and Article 6, part (e) of the General Data

Protection Regulation, when we collect data outside of this, we will rely on your consent to collect and store your personal data.

How Will My Information Be Stored?

Your information will be stored, depending on the type of information, in secure, locked cabinets in a secure building, or in secure computer databases.

What Rights Do I Have When It Comes To My Data?

Under the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation you have the right to request access to the information that we hold about you.

To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact the school office in the first instance on **01606 663530**.

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.

Who Can I Complain To If I Am Unhappy About How My Data Is Used?

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.

For general questions or advice about the school's data protection procedures or to alert us to any issues you may have in the way we may handle your or your child's information please contact the school office on 01606 663530 or admin@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk.

If you prefer, you may contact the School's independent Data Protection Officer direct at:

- Schools Data Protection Officer
Cheshire West and Chester Council,
3rd Floor,
Civic Way,
4 Civic Way,
Ellesmere Port,
CH65 0BE
- Email: schoolDPO@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office using the following details:

- [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\) website](#)
- By post: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
- Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45's

Will This Information Be Used To Take Automated Decisions About Me?

No

Will My Data Be Transferred Abroad and Why?

No