



Little Hadham Primary School

[Privacy Notice](#)

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Little Hadham Primary School is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.

Who Collects This Information

Little Hadham Primary School is a “data controller.” This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about pupils.

The Categories of Pupil Information That We Collect, Process, Hold and Share

We may collect, store and use the following categories of personal information about you:

Personal information such as name, pupil number, date of birth, gender and contact information;

Emergency contact and family lifestyle information such as names, relationship, phone numbers and email addresses;

Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility);

Attendance details (such as sessions attended, number of absences and reasons for absence);

Financial details;

Performance and assessment information;

Behavioural information (including exclusions); Special educational needs information; Relevant medical information;

Special categories of personal data including biometric data, ethnicity, relevant medical information, special educational needs information;

Images of pupils engaging in school activities, and images captured by the School’s CCTV system;

Information about the use of our IT, communications and other systems, and other monitoring information;

Collecting This Information

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 pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your working relationship with us.

How We Use Your Personal Information

We hold pupil data and use it for: -

Pupil selection (and to confirm the identity of prospective pupils and their parents);

Providing education services and extra-curricular activities to pupils, and monitoring pupils' progress and educational needs;

Informing decisions such as the funding of schools; Assessing performance and to set targets for schools;

Safeguarding pupils' welfare and providing appropriate pastoral (and where necessary medical) care

Support teaching and learning;

Giving and receive information and references about past, current and prospective pupils, and to provide references to potential employers of past pupils;

Managing internal policy and procedure;

Enabling pupils to take part in assessments, to publish the results of examinations and to record pupil achievements

To carry out statistical analysis for diversity purposes;

Legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection, diversity monitoring and health and safety) and to comply with legal obligations and duties of care;

Enabling relevant authorities to monitor the school's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;

Monitoring use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's IT security policy;

Making use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the school website and on social media channels;

Security purposes, including CCTV; and

Where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school's purposes, including to obtain appropriate professional advice and insurance for the school.

The Lawful Basis on Which We Use This Information

We will only use your information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your information in the following circumstances: -

Consent: the individual has given clear consent to process their personal data for a specific purpose;

Contract: the processing is necessary for a contract with the individual;

Legal obligation: the processing is necessary to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations);

Vital interests: the processing is necessary to protect someone's life.

Public task: the processing is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law; and

The Education Act 1996: for Departmental Censuses 3 times a year. More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

We need all the categories of information in the list above primarily to allow us to comply with legal obligations. Please note that we may process information without knowledge or consent, where this is required or permitted by law.

Sharing Data

We may need to share your data with third parties where it is necessary. There are strict controls on who can see your information. We will not share your data if you have advised us that you do not want it shared unless it's the only way we can make sure you stay safe and healthy or we are legally required to do so.

We share pupil information with: -

- the Department for Education (DfE) - on a statutory basis under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013; Ofsted;

- Other Schools that pupils have attended/will attend; NHS;

- Welfare services (such as social services);

- Law enforcement officials such as police, HMRC; Local Authority Designated Officer;

- Professional advisors such as lawyers and consultants;

- Support services (including insurance, IT support, information security); and The Local Authority.

Information will be provided to those agencies securely or anonymised where possible.

The recipient of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations, we require them to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

Why We Share This Information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless otherwise required by law.

For example, we share pupil's data with the DfE on a statutory basis which underpins school funding and educational attainment. To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the DfE please go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

Storing Pupil Data

The School keep information about pupils on computer systems and sometimes on paper.

Except as required by law, the School only retains information about pupils for as long as necessary in accordance with timeframes imposed by law and our internal policy.

If you require further information about our retention periods, please speak to Mrs Erswell (Office Manager).

Automated Decision Making

Automated decision making takes place when an electronic system uses personal information to make a decision without human intervention. We are allowed to use automated decision making in limited circumstances.

Pupils will not be subject to automated decision-making, unless we have a lawful basis for doing so and we have notified you.

Security

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information (i.e. against it being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way).

The National Pupil Database

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>

Requesting Access to Your Personal Data

Under data protection legislation, parents 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 education record, contact our Office Manager (Mrs Erswell) via the School Office.

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 purposes 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 want to exercise any of the above rights, please contact Ms Connolly, our Head Teacher, in writing.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

Right to Withdraw Consent

In circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact our Office Manager (Mrs Erswell). Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything within this privacy notice or have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with the Office Manager (Mrs Erswell) in the first instance.

We have appointed a data protection officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with data protection and this privacy notice. If you have any questions about how we handle your personal information which cannot be resolved by the Head Teacher, then you can contact the DPO on the details below: -

Data Protection Officer Name: Alison Akester. (Contact via the school office)

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>.

Changes to This Privacy Notice

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

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

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **individuals visiting the school**.

This privacy notice is aimed at occasional and professional visitors to the school, who are required to sign in using the schools visitors system. Please see our Visitor Policy, which is available on the school website, for more information.

Parents/Carers visiting the school are not classed as visitors.

We, Little Hadham Primary School, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

The personal data we hold

The personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (where appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details and contact preferences Date of birth, marital status and gender

- If a regular professional visitor evidence that the individual holds an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service certificate

- Employer details Photographs

CCTV images captured in school

We may also collect, store and use information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes information about (where applicable):

- Disability, health and access requirements

Why we use this data

The purpose of processing this data is to help us run the school, including to:

- Identify you and safely evacuate the school in the event of an emergency

- Meet statutory obligations for Safeguarding

- Ensure that appropriate access arrangements can be provided for volunteers who require them

Our lawful basis for using this data

We only collect and use personal information about you when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we use it where we need to:

- Comply with a legal obligation

- Carry out a task in the public interest

Where we have legitimate interests in processing the data – for example, the use of photographs to enable us to clearly identify you in the event of an emergency evacuation

Less commonly, we may also use personal information about you where:

You have given us consent to use it in a certain way

We need to protect your vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where you have provided us with consent to use your data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent, and explain how you go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using personal information about you overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify the school's use of your data.

Collecting this information

While the majority of information we collect from you is mandatory, there is some information that you can choose whether or not to provide to us.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice

How we store this data

Personal data is stored in line with our Records Management Policy. This is based on the 'Information and Records Management Society's' toolkit for schools.

We maintain a visitor management system to store personal information about all visitors. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to work with the school.

When this information is no longer required, we will delete your information in accordance with our Records Management Policy. A copy of this is available on the Schools Website.

Data sharing

We do not share information about you with any third party without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with data protection law) we may share personal information about you with:

Our local authority – if we have any concerns over safeguarding

Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for, such as visitor management systems

Police forces, courts – to assist them discharging their legal duties

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

Individuals have a right to make a **'subject access request'** to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it

- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for Explain where we got it from, if not from you

- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with

- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this

- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

You may also have the right for your personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact our data protection officer.

Your other rights regarding your data

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe. You have the right to:

- Object to the use of your personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress

- Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing

- Object to the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)

- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing

- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please ask a member of our office team, or email our Data Protection Officer via the school office.

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our Alison Akester, our Data Protection Officer.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office: Call 0303 123 1113 or Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>