



# St Mary's C/E Primary School

## PRIVACY NOTICE (How We Use Pupil Information)

### Who processes pupil information?

St Mary's C/E school is the data controller of the personal information you provide to us. This means the school determines the purposes for which, and the manner in which, any personal data relating to pupils and their families is to be processed. The Headteacher acts as a representative for the school with regard to its data controller responsibilities; and can be contacted on 020 7359 1870 or [school@stmarys.islington.sch.uk](mailto:school@stmarys.islington.sch.uk)

In some cases, your data will be outsourced to a third party processor; however, this will only be done with your consent, unless the law requires the school to share your data. Where the school outsources data to a third party processor, the same data protection standards that St Mary's C/E upholds are imposed on the processor.

Claire Mehegan is the data protection officer for the school and her role is to oversee and monitor the School's data protection procedures, and to ensure they are compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018. The data protection officer can be contacted at [claire.mehegan@london.anglican.org](mailto:claire.mehegan@london.anglican.org).

### Why do we collect and use pupil information?

We collect and use pupil information under section 537A of the Education Act 1996, and section 83 of the Children Act 1989, to comply with Article 6(1)(c) and Article 9(2) (b) Data Protection Act 2018 We use the pupil data to:

- support pupil learning;
- monitor and report on pupil progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care;
- assess the quality of our services;
- comply with the law regarding data sharing;
- support you to decide what to do after you leave school.

### Categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and contact details);
- 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);
- National curriculum assessment results; ☐ Special educational needs information;
- Relevant medical information.

## **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 Data Protection Act 2018, 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 information**

St Mary's C/E school keeps information about you on computer systems and also sometimes on paper.

We hold your education records securely until you change school. Your records will then be transferred to your new school, where they will be retained until you reach the age of 25, after which they are safely destroyed.

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 is the only way we can make sure you stay safe and healthy or we are legally required to do so.

## **Who do we share pupil information with?**

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us;
- our local authority (London Borough of Islington);
- the Department for Education (DfE).

## **Why do 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.

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the DfE (for example; via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

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.

## **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 pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-userguide-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;
- 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: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

## **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 the Headteacher, St Mary's C/E Primary School.

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;
- 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 or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

## **Contact**

If you would like to get a copy of the information about you that the London Borough of Islington shares with the DfE or post-16 providers or how they use your information, please contact:

Information Management Officer (FOIA)

Data Protection Officer

Information Management Team

London Borough of Islington  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
7 Newington Barrow Way  
London  
N7 7EP  
Email: [foia@islington.gov.uk](mailto:foia@islington.gov.uk)  
[Freedom of Information request | Islington Council](#)

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7 Newington Barrow Way  
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You can also visit the Islington website if you need more information about how the local authority uses and stores your information. Please go to: [Freedom of Information | Islington Council](#)

To contact the DfE, go to: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

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

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