



## **Barham Church of England Primary School**

### **PRIVACY NOTICE**

#### **How we use pupil information**

##### **Why 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. We also comply with Article 6(1)(c) and Article 9(2)(b) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

##### **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

##### **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 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. In particular, parents, guardians and students do have the right to decline to provide information on **pupil nationality** and **country of birth**.

##### **Storing pupil information**

The school holds information electronically on our internal computer systems. In addition, the school also maintains hard copies of your child's education records which are stored securely and retained until secondary transfer.

There are strict controls on who can see your child's information. We will not share the data if you have advised us that you do not want it shared unless it is the only way we can make sure your child stays 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 or colleges that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority (Kent County Council) and their commissioned providers of local authority services
- the Department for Education (DfE)

On occasion, we may also share very basic student information (name and year group) with educational software/catering providers to allow the creation of pupil level passwords. We may also need to share student medical information with other providers – such as Arethusa, when outside providers are used to provide enrichment opportunities for students. This is to ensure the safety of students and that any first aid required is appropriate.

### **Why we share student information**

We do not share information about our students 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 the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the DfE (for example; via the school census) and/or 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>

### **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>

### **Requesting access to your personal data**

Under data protection legislation, parents have the right to request access to information about their child that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact our designated Data Protection Officer at [dpo@barham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dpo@barham.kent.sch.uk)

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 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 KCC shares with the DfE or how they use your information, please contact:

Information Resilience & Transparency Team  
Room 2.71  
Sessions House  
Maidstone, Kent  
ME14 1XQ  
Email: [dataprotection@kent.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@kent.gov.uk)

You can also visit the KCC website if you need more information about how KCC use and store your information. Please go to: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/contact-us/access-to-information/your-personal-information>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact our designated Data Protection Officer at [dpo@barham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dpo@barham.kent.sch.uk)

**A copy of this privacy notice is available on our school website**