



Privacy Notice – October 2025 (How we use pupil information)

Ashfield Junior School is the data controller under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) for the use of personal data explained in this notice.

Personal data is any information that can be used to identify a living person, either on its own, or in combination with other pieces of data. Data processing includes the collection, use, and storage of data.

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal eligibility)
- image and voice recordings for assessment, celebration, and in CCTV for safety and security reasons.
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctor's information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- financial information like bank details and entitlement to meals, transport, and premium funding to manage catering, school trips etc.
- attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- assessment and attainment (such as phonics results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

Why we collect and use pupil information

The personal data we collect is essential for the school to fulfil official functions and meet legal requirements and we use pupil information, for the following purposes:

- a) to support pupil learning
 - b) to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
 - c) to provide appropriate pastoral care
 - d) to assess the quality of our services
 - e) to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
 - f) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections
- a) celebrate or promote school, for scientific interest, or to record our own school history.
 - b) to control access to services e.g., to biometric controlled catering services.

Under the [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

- to perform a public task i.e., to provide education (mainly reasons a, b, c, and d above).
- to protect vital interests (and sometimes carry out a contract too) e.g., to provide **safe** meals, trips, transport, uniform, professional photos, childcare (mainly reasons a, and e above)..
- to comply with the law (mainly reasons b, and f above) e.g., recording attendance, publishing results, recording the census (see Sharing with the DfE below), data sharing with child protection partners like social care, the NHS, and the Local Authority etc. (see sharing with the DfE below for legislation).
- having consent (mainly reason g above, and to process ethnicity data) e.g., use images or names publicly.

When we process special category data like medical information or biometrics, we need to have one lawful basis from the list above *and* one of the following list:

- to prevent medical problems, assess needs, and provide services (mainly reasons e, and f above) e.g., Education Health & Care Plans (EHCP), records of medicines administration.
- to improve public health e.g., report notifiable diseases to local and national government departments;
- to make or defend legal claims e.g., some special educational needs and all accident records including, where necessary, providing accident/ill-health data to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).
- having consent (mainly reason h above) e.g., to use biometric data to access catering services.

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information via registration forms at the start of the school year or a secure file transfer from previous school

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the data protection legislation, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our [data retention schedule](#). For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit our website.

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)

Why we regularly 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. The laws listed in this notice that require us to collect information also

require us to share it. Data is transferred securely by hand delivery or registered post, via a government data transfer system like School to School, via a contractor's secure data sharing system like our online school trips safety system, and sometimes in other secure ways.

- Schools and other education providers pupils go to after leaving us to support their continuing education.
- Child development and protection partners like our local Authority Children's Services, Public Health, Inclusion & Social Care etc. to check attendance, monitor, and protect children; the NHS for medical referrals & support; private companies offering counselling and other family or support services.
- The DfE to help decide our school funding, monitor attainment & benchmark it nationally, compile league tables, develop national education policy and monitor it.
- Our Local Authority to ensure they can conduct their statutory duties such as under the [Schools Admission Code](#), including conducting Fair Access Panels, and careers guidance legislation.

Medical services like therapists, the school nurse, or the NHS for things like screening, vaccinations, health/ eye/ dental checks, Education Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) provision etc. and UK Health Security Agency about certain contagious infections our pupils come into contact with.

- Government departments like UK Health Security Agency, local authority public health, and HSE to comply with the law and support public health action;
- Voluntary and charitable organisations (with your permission only), such as Barnardo's, our local Foodbank and similar organisations who can offer families practical help and support.

Sharing with Youth Support Services

Sharing with the Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information about our pupils with the Department for Education (DfE) either directly or via our local authority for the purpose of those data collections, under **the** following **legislation**:

- section 29(3) and section 537A of the [Education Act 1996](#);
- the [Education \(School Performance Information\)\(England\) Regulations 2007](#);
- regulations 5 and 8 of the [School Information \(England\) Regulations 2008](#);
- the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#);
- [section 83 of the Children Act 1989](#) (for monitoring and research purposes); and
- for census purposes section 3 of The [Education \(Information About Individual Pupils\) \(England\) Regulations 2013](#).

All data is transferred securely and held by the Department for Education (DfE) under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section.

For privacy information on the data the Department for Education collects and uses, please see : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-early-years-foundation-stage-to-key-stage-3>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-key-stage-4-and-5-and-adult-education>

Requesting access to your personal data

The UK GDPR gives parents and pupils certain rights about how their information is collected and used. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, please contact Mrs S Frost, Headteacher.

You also have the following rights:

- the right to be informed about the collection and use of your personal data – this is called 'right to be informed'.
- the right to ask us for copies of your personal information we have about you – this is called 'right of access', this is also known as a subject access request (SAR), data subject access request or right of access request.
- the right to ask us to change any information you think is not accurate or complete – this is called 'right to rectification'.
- the right to ask us to delete your personal information – this is called 'right to erasure'
- the right to ask us to stop using your information – this is called 'right to restriction of processing'.
- the 'right to object to processing' of your information, in certain circumstances
- rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.
- the right to withdraw consent at any time (where relevant).
- the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner](#) if you feel we have not used your information in the right way.

There are legitimate reasons why we may refuse your information rights request, which depends on why we are processing it. For example, some rights will not apply:

- right to erasure does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation or public task.
- right to portability does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation, vital interests, public task or legitimate interests.
- right to object does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is contract, legal obligation or vital interests. And if the lawful basis is consent, you don't have the right to object, but you have the right to withdraw consent.

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 [raise a concern with ICO](#).

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by the Department for Education (DfE), please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting 01900 604565.

Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on **the 9th of October 2025**

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: Mrs S Frost, Headteacher
01900 604565 head@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk.

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (DfE) through data collections:

- underpins school funding, which is calculated based upon the numbers of children and their characteristics in each school.
- informs 'short term' education policy monitoring and school accountability and intervention (for example, school GCSE results or Pupil Progress measures).
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy (for example how certain subject choices go on to affect education or earnings beyond school)

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (DfE) (for example; via the school census) 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 (DfE) and contains information about pupils in schools in England. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

The data in the NPD is provided as part of the operation of the education system and is used for research and statistical purposes to improve, and promote, the education and well-being of children in England.

The evidence and data provide DfE, education providers, Parliament and the wider public with a clear picture of how the education and children's services sectors are working in order to better target, and evaluate, policy interventions to help ensure all children are kept safe from harm and receive the best possible education.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice>

Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

DfE will only share pupils' personal data where it is lawful, secure and ethical to do so. Where these conditions are met, the law allows the Department for Education (DfE) to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools and local authorities

- researchers
- organisations connected with promoting the education or wellbeing of children in England
- other government departments and agencies
- organisations fighting or identifying crime

For more information about the Department for Education's (DfE) NPD data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

Organisations fighting or identifying crime may use their legal powers to contact the Department for Education (DfE) to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime.

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) has provided pupil information, (and for which project) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with Home Office and the Police please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

How to find out what personal information the Department for Education (DfE) holds about you

Under the terms of the UK GDPR, you are entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department for Education (DfE), you should make a 'subject access request'. See the guide for details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/requesting-your-personal-information/requesting-your-personal-information#your-rights>