

Oak Partnership Trust

Privacy Notice for children and parents in school nurseries

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The Oak Partnership Trust needs to use data on children in order to be able to keep you safe and deliver the best education possible. Only essential data is held, and we always follow the law when we collect, use, store and share your data.

You have a legal right to be informed about how our Trust uses any personal information that we hold about you. This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about you.

The Oak Partnership Trust is the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law. Our Data Protection Officer (DPO) is Amy Brittan (see 'Contact us' below).

The personal data we hold about you

This information includes but is not limited to:

- You and your child's contact details and name
- Information to support billing and registration such as National Insurance number and payment details
- Your child's attendance at nursery
- Your child's characteristics, like their ethnic background or any special educational needs
- Medical information and information on allergies
- Records of concerns and safeguarding information

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- Observation, planning, and assessment records for your child which may include photos and videos to record progress
- Records relating to the care of your child
- Accident and injury details relating to your child
- Details of any behaviour issues or concerns
- Photographs
- CCTV images
- Information on your child's interests

This is not an exhaustive list.

Details of CCTV

Where CCTV systems are installed on our premises, these are for the purposes of keeping you, the general public and staff safe, and for crime prevention and detection. Signs are displayed clearly explaining that CCTV is in operation and providing details of who to contact for further information.

We will only disclose CCTV images to others who intend to use the images for the purposes stated above. CCTV images will not be released to the media for entertainment purposes or placed on the internet.

Images captured by CCTV will not be kept for longer than necessary. We hold 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 see the Data Protection Policy.

Why we use this data

We use this data to help run our nurseries, including to:

- Get in touch with you and your parents when we need to
- Check how you're child is doing and whether they need any extra help
- Oversee the running of our nurseries
- To support families to make invoice payments
- Track how well the Trust and school as a whole is performing
- Look after their wellbeing and health

Our legal basis for using this data

- We need to comply with the law (*Article 6(1)(c) of UK GDPR*)
- We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (in order to provide you with an education) (*Article 6(1)(e) of UK GDPR*)

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

- You have given us permission to use it in a certain way (*Article 6(1)(a) of UK GDPR*)
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- We need to protect your interests (or someone else's interest) e.g., in a life-or-death situation (*Article 6(1)(d) of UK GDPR*)

We may also collect and use information about your child's health or other protected characteristics such as their religion or ethnicity. These are special categories of personal information, and we will only collect and use it when it is necessary for public health, e.g., protecting against serious threats to health. The legal basis here is *Article 9(2)(i) of UK GDPR*.

Public Health England also has special permission from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to use personally identifiable information without your permission where this is in the public interest. This is known as 'Section 251' approval and includes the use of the information collected by NHS Test and Trace to help protect the public from coronavirus. The part of the law that applies here is Section 251 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the associated Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.

Where we have got permission to use your child's data, you may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission and explain how to go about withdrawing consent.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several grounds which mean we can use your data.

Collecting this information

While in most cases you must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose whether or not to provide the data. We will always tell you if it's optional. If you must provide the data, we will explain what might happen if you don't.

Data sharing

We do not share personal information about your child with anyone outside the Trust without permission from you, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with:

Who we share with	Why we share
Our local authority	To meet our legal duties to share certain information with it, such as concerns about pupils' safety and exclusions
The Department for Education	We have to do this by law. This data sharing underpins school funding, educational policy and funding

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Your family and representatives	To ensure that they know how you are doing and to protect your welfare
Other schools after you leave our Trust	We will transfer your pupil record, which consists of basic information, assessment data, any educational support, and any safeguarding records. We may share some information in advance if it will enable your next school to provide effective and timely support
Police forces, courts, tribunals and security services	As we are required to by law
Health and social welfare organisations	Such as the school nurse and the Education Welfare Officer to help look after your health and wellbeing
Our payment service providers such as Family	So that you can pay for meals, trips resources and activities.

International transfers of personal data

We have audited where we store all the personal data processed in the Trust and by third party services. If a third-party service stores data in the EU or US, we have ensured that safeguards such as standard contractual clauses are in place to allow the safe flow of data to and from the Trust.

How we store this data

We will keep personal information in our Trust. We may also keep it after you have left the Trust, where we are required to by law. If you leave us mid-year or move to a new setting outside of the Trust, we will transfer your pupil record to your next setting.

Our record retention schedule/records management policy is based on the [Information and Records Management Society's toolkit for schools](#) and sets out how long we keep information about pupils.

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#), which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how schools are performing. This, in turn, supports research.

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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.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>

Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

You can find out if we hold any personal information about you or your child, and how we use it, by making a 'subject access request'.

If we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your parents
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with

Your other rights over your data

You have other rights over how your personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Say that you don't want it to be used if this would cause, or is causing, harm or distress
- Stop it being used to send you marketing materials
- Say that you don't want it used to make automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- Have it corrected, deleted or destroyed if it is wrong, or restrict our use of it
- Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way
- Let you know if we are using your data to make any automated decisions (decisions being taken by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)

You may also ask us to send your personal information to another organisation electronically in certain circumstances. If you want to make a request, please contact our data protection officer (see 'Contact').

Complaints

We take any complaints about how we collect and use your personal data very seriously, so please let us know if you think we've done something wrong.

You can make a complaint at any time by contacting our data protection officer.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in one of the following ways:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
 - Call 0303 123 1113
 - Write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
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Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our data protection officer: dposchools@somerset.gov.uk

Appendix:

How Government uses your data

Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

The law allows the Department 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's 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 DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, the DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

For information about which organisations the Department 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 DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the Department:

- 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, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

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