



Privacy notice for parents/carers – how we use their pupil`s data

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

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **pupils**.

Queensmill School is the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Information about our data protection officer can be found below.

The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about pupils includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Pupil and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in school

In the current pandemic, we may need to share select data with others. This can be with the NHS and emergency services, public authorities as well as other stakeholders. This will only be done where it is necessary and proportionate for us to do so.

Parents, carers and children may be requested to undertake a temperature check prior to entry into the school. If you or anyone in your household experience symptoms of Covid-19, do not enter the premises. We ask that you inform us as soon as possible by telephone.

We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education.

Why we use this data

We use this data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care



- Protect pupil welfare
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing

Our legal basis for using this data

We only collect and use pupils' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest

We may also process pupils' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time by contacting Queensmill School.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using pupils' personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

Collecting this information

While the majority of information we collect about pupils is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

How we store this data

We keep personal information about pupils while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations.

For more information about how long we keep information about pupils visit [*Information and Records Management Society's toolkit for schools*](#).

Data sharing

We do not share information about pupils with any third party without 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 pupils with:



- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with it, such as but not limited to safeguarding concerns and exclusions etc
- The Department for Education – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with it, such as but not limited to UPN, attendance, School census etc
- The pupil's family and representatives – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them
- Educators and examining bodies – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them: to allow for the external accreditation of nationally recognised qualifications and to allow for the efficient and effective analysis of school data related to progress with defined learning targets
- Our regulator – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with it, such as Ofsted
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for, such as but not limited to Schoolcomms, 3BM etc
- Financial organisations – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them, such as EduFin
- Central and local government – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them, such as but not limited to annual School census etc
- Survey and research organisations – to carry out a task in the public interest and/or in certain circumstances that are not in the public interest we will always ask you for your permission to share certain information with them
- Health authorities – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them, eg. School Nurse
- Health and social welfare organisations – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with it such as safeguarding concerns, referrals etc
- Professional advisers and consultants – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with it
- Charities and voluntary organisations – to enable them to provide the services we have contracted them for and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them, such as but not limited to Q+, Haven, Siblings support group etc
- Police forces, courts, tribunals – to meet our legal obligations and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them, such as safeguarding concerns etc
- Professional bodies - to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for and/or to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them
- Remote Learning Platforms - to carry out a task in the public interest to share certain information with them, such as Firefly Learning
- Recently the Department for Education have requested more regular data sharing on pupil attendance to help support those vulnerable and to assist with intervention strategies. Further information on how the Department for Education collects this data will be made available on the School website

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census.



Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#) (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

The Department for Education may share information from the NPD with other organisations which promote children's education or wellbeing in England. Such organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use the data.

For more information, see the Department's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) with any further questions about the NPD.

Youth support services

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information about them to our Local Authority-London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, as it has legal responsibilities regarding the education or training of 13-19 year-olds.

This information enables it to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers.

Parents/carers, or pupils once aged 16 or over, can contact our data protection officer to request that we only pass the individual's name, address and date of birth to Local Authority.

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.

Parents and pupils' rights regarding personal data

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

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you or your child, 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 or your child
- 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

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically, if that is possible, to another organisation in certain circumstances.



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

Parents/carers also have a legal right to access to their child's **educational record**. To request access, please contact our data protection officer.

Other rights

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

- Object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent it being used to send direct marketing
- Object to 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.

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 data protection officer.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):

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

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:

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