

EARLSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupil Privacy Notice



SUCCESS *for* ALL

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MISSION STATEMENT

At Earlsmead Primary School we encourage all members of our school community to strive to be the best they can be and develop new skills that empower them for life-long learning in order to become confident, valuable, members of society.

We create an inclusive, supportive, safe and challenging environment where all contributions are valued.

Learning is motivating and independence is encouraged hence all become reflective, self-learning team members with a positive sense of wellbeing and a love of learning.

OUR VISION

Working in partnership with children, parents, staff and Governors as a community we will achieve *Success for All* through:

Securing resilience

Understanding values and respecting others

Committing to our learning

Community involvement

Equality for all

Striving to do our very best

Setting high expectations

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Pupil Privacy Notice – How We Use Pupil Information

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing ‘privacy notices’ (sometimes called ‘fair processing notices’) to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This pupil privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils. It is based on the Department for Education’s model policy privacy notice for children, amended to reflect the way we use data in this school.

Earlsmead School (Arundel Drive, Harrow, HA2 8PW) are the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of data protection law.

Our Data Protection Officer is Judicium Consulting Limited (see ‘Contact Us’ 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 and address, contact preferences, date of birth and identification documents.
- Results of internal assessments and externally set examinations.
- Student and curricular records.
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, language, eligibility for free school meals, or special needs.
- Exclusion information.
- Details of any medical conditions and administration, including physical and mental health.
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and reasons, any previous schools attended).
- Safeguarding information.
- Educational visits record.
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers.
- Photographs.
- CCTV images captured in school.
- Bio metric data used as part of the school’s cashless payment system.

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

Why We Use This Data

We collect and use this data for the following purposes:

- Supporting student learning.

- Monitoring and reporting on pupil attainment and progress.
- Providing appropriate pastoral care.
- Protecting pupil welfare (e.g. food allergies, or emergency contact details).
- Assessing the quality of our services.
- Administering admissions waiting lists.
- Complying 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, including our legal duty to educate students under the Education Act 1996, and to provide related services.
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest.

Less commonly, 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 students' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

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 students 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.

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 students with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions.
- The Department for Education – to meet our legal obligations under Regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils – England) Regulations 2013.
- The pupils' family and representatives.
- Educators and examining bodies – as part of delivering the curriculum.

- Ofsted – to meet regulatory requirements around inspections.
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service for which we have contracted them.
- Financial organisations – to enable us to provide services to pupils such as the catering provision.
- Our auditors – to meet the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook and the Academies Accounts Direction.
- Health authorities – to enable them to provide services and support to children.
- Police forces, courts and tribunals.
- Health and social welfare organisations – to enable them to provide services and support to students.
- Professional advisers and consultants – to enable them to provide the service for which we have contracted them.
- Charities and voluntary organisations – to enable them to provide service and support to children.

National Pupil Database

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about children in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department.

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 Education (Information About Individual Pupils – England) Regulations 2013 requires us to provide information about students 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 NPD.

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.

The Department for Education has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and the use of data. Decisions on whether the DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of the following:

- 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.

For more information, see the Department’s webpage on how it collects and shares research data: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

You can also contact the Department for Education with any further questions about the NPD.

Under data protection legislation, parents and children 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, 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.
- Withdraw consent by writing to us if we rely on your consent to justify processing your information.
- 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.

Concerns

We hope that we can resolve any query you raise about our use of your information in the first instance.

We have appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with data protection and this privacy notice. If you have any questions about how we handle your personal information which can not be resolved by us, then you can contact the DPO.

The DPO's contact details are as follows:

Judicium Consulting Limited

Address: 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

Email: dataservices@judicium.com

Web: www.judiciumeducation.com

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues.

Updates

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time.