

The Canterbury Academy Trust
Schools for all the Talents



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Privacy Notice for Parents / Carers

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.

The privacy notice explains how we collect and store and use personal data about pupils.

The Canterbury Academy Trust is the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

The data protection officer is Jesse Sazant.

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address, parental, sibling and extended family details)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal and PPG eligibility)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctor information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- assessment and attainment (such as Key Stage 1 and phonics results, post-16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- Details of any support received, including care packages and plans for support providers
- Photographs of your child
- Carefully chosen and vetted educational apps
- CCTV images

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

Why we collect and use pupil information

The personal data collected is essential for the school to fulfil its official functions and meet legal requirements.

We collect and use pupil information for the following purposes (but not restricted to):

- 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 by the Department for Education
- g) Administer admissions waiting lists
- h) Carry out research

i) Comply with the law regarding data sharing

In order to meet statutory requirements around appropriate education provision and to fulfil safeguarding requirements, we share information about school history and the latest known pupil and parent address and contact details in the event of a Child Missing Education, or becoming Electively Home Educated. This information also supports the in-year admissions process.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information, 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

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 pupils' 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 pupil information

We collect pupil information via written applications, email, conversations and through the common transfer files or secure file transfer from previous school.

Pupil data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is 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 and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

Storing pupil data

Children's records are stored securely in paper files and on the school's secure server, for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule.

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. We will adhere to the Information Management Toolkit for Schools Document Who we share pupil information with

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with the General Data Protection Regulation, otherwise known as the GDPR), we may share personal information about pupils with (but not restricted to):

- other schools
- local authorities (central and local government)
- youth support services (pupils aged 13+)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- The pupil's family and representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulators Ofsted, DfE, RSC & ESFA
- Suppliers and service providers
- Health authorities
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers, bodies and consultants
- Police forces, courts, tribunals

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- youth support services (pupils aged 13+)
- 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.

Youth support services

Pupils aged 13+

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil information to our local authority and/or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19-year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers

A parent or guardian can object to any information in addition to their child's name, address and date of birth being passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child/pupil once they reach the age of 16.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via Core Plus and is stored by KCC.

Pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils aged 16+ with our local authority and/or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19-year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers

A child/pupil, once they reach the age of 16, can object to only their name, address and date of birth being passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via Core Plus and is stored by KCC.

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

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:

Regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013. All data is transferred securely and held by 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.

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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>

Local Authorities

We may be required to share information about our pupils with the local authority to ensure that they can conduct their statutory duties under

- the [Schools Admission Code](#), including conducting Fair Access Panels.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under GDPR, parents and pupils 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, contact Mr J Sazant, Chief Operating Officer and Data Protection Officer.

Depending on the lawful basis above, you may also have the right to:

- object to the 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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts.

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/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by 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 Mr J Sazant, Chief Operating Officer and Data Protection Officer.

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 the school in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our Headteacher.

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

- 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

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 January 2026.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

Mr. J. Watson, Chief Executive Officer - jwatson@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Mr .J. Sazant, Senior Vice Principal, Chief Operating Officer and Data Protection Officer - jsazant@canterbury.kent.sch.uk or [GDPR @canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:GDPR@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the 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 (for example via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection><https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in 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.

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

Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

The law allows the Department to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools
- 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 DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, 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 with pupil information (and for which project), or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with the Home Office and the Police please visit the following website:

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

How to find out what personal information the Department for Education (DfE) holds 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>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

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