



PRENTON
High School for Girls
Making a Difference

PRENTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

PRIVACY NOTICE FOR STUDENTS

Why do we collect and use student information?

Prenton High School is the Data Controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice.

The categories of student information that we collect, hold and share include (please note that this list is not exhaustive):

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique Student number, contact details and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal eligibility)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctors 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)

Why we collect and use this information (please note that this list is not exhaustive)

We use the student data:

- to support student learning
- to monitor and report on student progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the Department for Education

The lawful basis on which we use this information:

- for the purposes of delivering student education in accordance with the legal basis of performing a task in the public interest
- to meet a legal obligation placed on the school to collect information on attendance, admissions and other areas as prescribed by laws
- in the vital interests of students or parents to ensure we can react speedily in certain circumstances that require immediate responses
- consent when we are processing biometric finger print data for our cashless catering services or using images of children on our website, in our prospectus or through social media channels that we maintain

Collecting student information

We collect student information via:

- Initial admissions data collection sheet
- Common Transfer Files

- Information collected throughout the Academic year through reply slips and ParentMail responses

Student data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of student 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 student 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 student data

We hold student data in line with the school's Data Protection Policy

In accordance with Data Protection Regulations, the school does not store personal data indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task for which it was originally collected.

Who we share student information with

We routinely share student information with:

- schools that the students attend after leaving us
- relevant local authorities
- youth support services (Students aged 13+)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- SIMS to collate and manage student information
- SISRA to monitor student performance
- Our IT network operator
- Homework/Curriculum applications
- MPloy
- Medical professionals
- Police

Why we share student information

We do not share information about our students with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

We share students' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our students with the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

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-and-censuses-for-schools>.

The National Student Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about Students 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.

We are required by law, to provide information about our students to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

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

The department may share information about our students from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

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

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested; and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data

To be granted access to Student information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the department has provided Student information, (and for which project), please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-Student-database-requests-received>

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

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, students have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information contact Data Protection Officer (Mrs H Sanderson) sandersonh@prentonhighschool.co.uk

You also have the right to:

- object to 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
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact

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

Mrs H Sanderson (Data Protection Officer) (sandersonh@prentonhighschool.co.uk)

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