Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil 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, key stage 2 and phonics results,)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- free school meals eligibility and catering information
- trips and activities information

Why we collect and use pupil information

We collect and use pupil information, for the following purposes:

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 for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections

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

- for the purposes of a), b), c) & d) in accordance with the legal basis of Public task: collecting the data is necessary to perform tasks that schools are required to perform as part of their statutory function
- for the purposes of e) in accordance with the legal basis of Vital interests: to keep children safe (food allergies, or medical conditions)
- for the purposes of f) in accordance with the legal basis of Legal obligation: data St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School – Privacy Notice for pupils/parents (v3.1) Page 2 of 6 collected for DfE census information:

Section 537A of the Education Act 1996:
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/537A
The Education Act 1996 s29(3)

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https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/29
The Education (School Performance Information (England) Regulations 2007
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/2324/contents/made
Regulations 5 and 8 School Information (England) Regulations 2008
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2008/3093/pdfs/uksi_20083093_en.pdf
The Educaction (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/756/contents/made

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information via registration forms at the start of the school year, Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous schools.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' 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.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil 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 visit St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School - Statutory Information & Policies

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Diocese of Portsmouth
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- services that support teaching, learning, assessment, safeguarding and school management
- catering services
- parental communications services
- health services, school nursing team and NHS
- providers of extra-curricular services such as music services, before/after school clubs (where the child/young person accesses these services)

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.

Department for Education (DfE)

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:

Section 537A of the Education Act 1996:
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/537A
The Education Act 1996 s29(3)
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/29
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https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/756/contents/made

For school census:

section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

All data is transferred securely and held by the Department for Education (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.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, 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 Claire Willoughby, Data Protection Officer: dpo@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

If you have a concern or complaint 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 the Department for Education (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 (eg. for photographs other than for educational purposes), 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 Claire Willoughby, Data Protection Officer: dpo@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk

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 on **1st September 2026.**

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: Claire Willoughby, Data Protection Officer: dpo@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the the Department for Education (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 (DfE) (for example; via the school census) go to 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 (DfE) 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 for Education (DfE).

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 for Education (DfE) 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 for Education's (DfE) 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 Department for Education (DfE) to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime.

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) 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 Department for Education (DfE) holds about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- 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 for Education (DfE), you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department for Education's (DfE) 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 Department for Education (DfE): https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe