



Privacy notice for Parents/Carers – use of your child’s personal data

John Ruskin Primary School & Language Classes

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1. Introduction

Under UK data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how our John Ruskin Primary School & Language Classes 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 privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **pupils at our school**.

We, John Ruskin Primary School & Language Classes, John Ruskin Street, Camberwell, London, SE5 0PQ; 0207 7035800, are the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of UK data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Jonathan Verity (see ‘Contact us’ below).

2. The personal data we hold

We hold some personal information about you to make sure we can help you learn and look after you at school. For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – such as other schools, the local council and the government. Personal information that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about you 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



- Exclusion information
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Admissions and related records
- Contextual Information (i.e. ethnicity, language, eligibility for free school meals or special educational needs)

We may also collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) information about your child that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes, but is not restricted to, information about:

- Any medical conditions we need to be aware of, including physical and mental health
- Photographs and CCTV images captured in school
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background or special educational needs

3. Why we use this data

We use the data listed above to:

- a. Support the admissions process, and administer admissions waiting lists
- b. Provide education to pupils including administration of the curriculum
- c. Provide educational support to pupil and their parents/Carers (including mentoring, maintaining discipline)
- d. Support pupil learning
- e. Monitor and report on pupil progress
- f. Safeguard pupils' welfare and provide appropriate pastoral care and health care services
- g. Administer sports fixtures, clubs, school trips
- h. Assess the quality of our services
- i. Carry out research
- j. Provide information to you about the school such as events, curriculum information and trips
- k. Comply with the law regarding data sharing

3.1 Use of your child's personal data for marketing purposes

Where you have given us consent to do so, we may send you marketing information by email or text promoting school events, campaigns, charitable causes or services that may be of interest to your children.

You can withdraw consent or 'opt out' of receiving these emails and/or texts at any time by contacting us (see 'Contact us' below).

3.2 Use of your child's personal data in automated decision making and profiling

We do not currently process any personal data through automated decision making or profiling. If this changes in the future, we will amend any relevant privacy notices in order to explain the processing to you, including your right to object to it.



3.3 Use of your personal data for filtering and monitoring purposes

While you're in school, we may monitor what material you access on our computers and other IT and communication systems. We do this so that we can:

- Comply with health and safety law and other laws
- Comply with our policies (e.g. Safeguarding policy, IT acceptable use policy)
- Keep our network(s) and devices safe from people who aren't allowed to access them, and prevent harmful software from damaging our network(s)
- Protect your welfare

4. Our lawful basis for using this data

Our lawful bases for processing your child's personal data for the purposes listed in section 3 above are as follows:

- For the purposes of [a to f and k], in accordance with the 'public task' basis – we need to process data to fulfil our statutory function as a school as set out here:
 - For the purposes of [b, c, f and k], in accordance with the 'legal obligation' basis – we need to process data to meet our responsibilities under law as set out here:
 - For the purposes of [d, e, g, h, l and j], in accordance with the 'consent' basis – we will obtain consent from you to use your child's personal data
 - For the purposes of [l], in accordance with the 'vital interests' basis – we will use this personal data in a life-or-death situation
 - For the purposes of [a, f and h], in accordance with the 'contract' basis – we need to process personal data to fulfil a contract with your child or to help them enter into a contract with us
 - For the purposes of [g to j], in accordance with the 'legitimate interests' basis – where there's a minimal privacy impact and we have a compelling reason, including:

Where you have provided us with consent to use your child's data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent, and explain how you would go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

4.1 Our basis for using special category data

For 'special category' data, we only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and one of the following conditions for processing as set out in UK data protection law:

- We have obtained your explicit consent to use your child's personal data in a certain way
- We need to perform or exercise an obligation or right in relation to employment, social security or social protection law
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your child's life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by you
- We need to process it for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims
- We need to process it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation



- We need to process it for health or social care purposes, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health or social work professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law
- We need to process it for public health reasons, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law
- We need to process it for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes, or for statistical purposes, and the processing is in the public interest

For criminal offence data, we will only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and a condition for processing as set out in UK data protection law. Conditions include:

- We have obtained your consent to use it in a specific way
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your child's life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by you
- We need to process it for, or in connection with, legal proceedings, to obtain legal advice, or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal rights
- We need to process it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation

5. Collecting this data

We collect your personal data via the following methods:

- Enrolment forms (online and hard copies)
- Common Transfer File (CTF) from previous schools
- Child Protection Plans and other safeguarding paperwork

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

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice.

Most of the data we hold about your child will come from you, but we may also hold data about your child from:

- Local authorities
- Government departments or agencies
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Social services

6. How we store this data

We keep personal information about your child while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary. Our record retention schedule sets out how long we keep information about pupils.

Link to retention schedule - [Retention Schedule](#)



We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your child's personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

We will dispose of your child's personal data securely when we no longer need it.

7. Who we share data with

We do not share information about your child 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 UK data protection law), we may share personal information about your child with:

- Our local authority, Southwark – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions, for admissions and exclusions purposes, and to access funding to support Looked After Children, and pupils with Special Educational Needs.
- The Department for Education – we are required to share information about our pupils with the DfE under Regulation 5 of the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.
- Educators and examining bodies – in order to support pupil learning
- Our regulator, Ofsted – to provide evidence of compliance with regulations and best practice, and enable them to effectively judge our performance
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for (for example clubs' providers, catering, offsite learning providers and assessment providers)
- Our auditors – to enable them to judge and report on our financial systems and processes (for example auditing ParentPay payments you may make).
- Health and social welfare organisations, including Health Authorities, Social Services, Children & Adolescent Mental Health Services, and the school nurse / doctor – to ensure we provide appropriate pastoral care (for example vaccinations, height and weight measurements and vision screening).
- Professional advisers and consultants – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for (for example speech and language support, learner mentoring, play therapists, peripatetic tutors)
- Financial organisations – for example, Southwark Schools Finance
- Security organisations – for example, CCTV service contractor
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Other schools / Academies / MATS (during pupil file transfer)

National Pupil Database

We have to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#), which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how schools are performing. This, in turn, supports research.



The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information it holds is collected securely from schools, local authorities, exam boards and others.

The Department for Education may share information from the database with other organisations, such as organisations that promote children's education or wellbeing in England. These organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use your data.

You can find more information about this on the Department for Education's webpage on [how it collects and shares personal data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) if you have any questions about the database.

How to find out what personal information the DfE holds about you

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the DfE what personal information it holds about you. You have the right to ask the DfE:

- If it processes your personal data
- For a description of the data it holds about you
- The reasons it is holding your data and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- For a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

To exercise these rights, you should make a subject access request. Information on how to do this can be found by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

You can also contact the DfE directly using its online contact form by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

7.1 Transferring data internationally

Other schools or educational establishments overseas.

We may share personal information about your child with the following international third parties, where different data protection legislation applies:

Where we transfer your child's personal data to a third-party country or territory, we will do so in accordance with UK data protection law.

In cases where we have to set up safeguarding arrangements to complete this transfer, you can get a copy of these arrangements by contacting us.

8. Your rights

8.1 How to access personal information that we hold about your child

You have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that we hold about your child.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about your child, we will (subject to any exemptions that apply):

- 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



- 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

You may also have the right for your child's personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

8.2 Your right to access your child's educational record

Parents, or those with parental responsibility, also have the right to access their child's educational record (which includes most information about a pupil). This right applies as long as the pupil is aged under 18.

There are certain circumstances in which this right can be denied, such as if releasing the information might cause serious harm to the physical or mental health of the pupil or another individual, or if it would mean releasing exam marks before they are officially announced.

To make a request, please contact the School Business Manager (see 'Contact us' below).

8.3 Your other rights regarding your child's data

Under UK data protection law, you have certain rights regarding how your child's personal data is used and kept safe. For example, you have the right to:

- Object to our use of your child's personal data
- Prevent your child's data being used to send direct marketing
- Object to and challenge the use of your child's personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected
- In certain circumstances, have the personal data we hold about your child deleted or destroyed, or restrict its processing
- Withdraw your consent, where you previously provided it for the collection, processing and transfer of your child's personal data for a specific purpose
- In certain circumstances, be notified of a data breach
- Make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

9. 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.

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

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>
- Call 0303 123 1113



- Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

10. 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**:

- Jonathan Verity
 - Tel: 0207 7035800
 - Mob: 074840 77797
 - Email: jverity@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

Updating this privacy notice

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically if we change how we collect and process data. The school will inform you when this privacy notice has changed; however, we also recommend that you revisit this privacy notice periodically.

This privacy notice was last updated: September 2024

This notice is based on the [Department for Education's model privacy notice](#) for pupils, amended for parents and to reflect the way we use data in this school.