



**St Thomas More Catholic Primary School,
Huthill Lane,
Great Wyrley
WS6 6PG**

1. 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.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **pupils**.

We, St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School, Huthill Lane, Great Wyrley, Walsall, Staffs, WS6 6PG are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is the Information Governance Unit at Staffordshire County Council (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:

- Personal identifiers and contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Pupil and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, religion and eligibility for free school meals
- Special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions and requirements (including GP information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- Attendance information, including absences, reasons for absence and previous schools attended)
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in school

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

Why we use this data

We use this data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Keep children safe
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Meet the statutory duties placed upon us for the Department of Education (DfE) data collections

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
- 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 this information

While the majority of information we collect about pupils 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.

How we store this data

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 hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention policy.

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 pupils with:

- *Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions*
- *The Archdiocese of Birmingham- to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as admission information*
- *The Department for Education – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as assessment data*
- *The pupil's family and representatives*
- *Educators and examining bodies – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as assessment data*
- *Our regulator Ofsted – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information during an inspection*
- *Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for*
- *Health authorities and social welfare organisations – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and medical needs.*
- *Professional bodies - to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for*
- *Computer Software standalone learning applications – Class DoJo, Mathis Circle (TT Rock Stars) and Little Wandle to support the pupils in their learning and Google classroom to support pupil's remote learning.*

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early year's census.

Some of this information is then stored securely in the **National Pupil Database (NPD)**, which is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about pupils in schools in England, collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

The data in the NPD is provided as part of the operation of the education system and is used for research and statistical purposes to improve, and promote, the education and well-being of children in England.

The evidence and data provide DfE, education providers, Parliament and the wider public with a clear picture of how the education and children's services sectors are working in order to better target, and evaluate, policy interventions to help ensure all children are kept safe from harm and receive the best possible education.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice>

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Parents and pupils' rights regarding personal data

Individuals have a right to make a '**subject access request**' to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

Parents also have the right to make a subject access request with respect to any personal data the school holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you or your child, we will:

- 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 or your child
- 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

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request please contact our data protection officer.

Parents/carers also have a legal right to access to their **child's educational record**. To request access, **please contact Louisa Coleman, Office Manager**.

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
- 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.

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.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer.

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

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**:

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Information Governance Unit
Staffordshire County Council
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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.