



PRIVACY NOTICE

(How we use children in need and children looked after information)

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The categories of this information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- personal information (such as name, date of birth and address)
- characteristics (such as gender, ethnicity and disability)
- information relating to episodes of being a child in need (such as referral information, assessment information, Section 47 information, Initial Child Protection information and Child Protection Plan information)
- episodes of being looked after (such as important dates, information on placements)
- outcomes for looked after children (such as whether health and dental assessments are up to date, strengths and difficulties questionnaire scores and offending)
- adoptions (such as dates of key court orders and decisions)
- care leavers (such as their activity and what type of accommodation they have)
- relevant medical information
- special educational needs information
- exclusions/ behavioural information

Why we collect and use this information

We use this personal data to:

- support these children and monitor their progress
- provide them with pastoral care
- assess the quality of our services
- evaluate and improve our policies on children's social care
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information under Article 6, (1) e) of the GDPR where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller and Article 9 (2) b) of the GDPR where special categories of data can be processed for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the data controller.

Collecting this information

Children in need and children looked after information is essential for the local authority's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with GDPR, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing this information

We hold pupil data for as long as the child attends the school.

Who we share this information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authority, London Borough of Lewisham
- a pupils home local authority (if different)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- school nurse, NHS
- clubs run by external Providers

Why we share this information

We do not share information about our children in need or children looked after with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

The Department for Education

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 children in need and children looked after with the Department for Education (DfE) for the purpose of those data collections.

We share children in need and children looked after data with the Department on a statutory basis, under Section 83 of 1989 Children's Act, Section 7 of the Young People's Act 2008 and also under section 3 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.

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education go to:

Children looked after: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-looked-after-return>

Children in need: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-in-need-census>

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents, carers and children have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information contact the SBM or Data Protection Officer via email sbm@torridoninfants.lewisham.sc.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, 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/>

Contact:

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: contact the SBM or the Data Protection Officer via email sbm@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk.

How Government uses your data

The data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections helps to:

- develop national policies
- manage local authority performance
- administer and allocate funding
- identify and encourage good practice

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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

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 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>

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