



# Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils – How we use your information

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### **Who are we?**

Central England Academy Trust is the 'data controller'. This means we are responsible for how your personal information is processed and for what purposes.

Central England Academy Trust is registered as the Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO); Registration Number: ZA540893

You can contact the Academy Trust as the Data Controller in writing at:  
datacontroller@centralengland.co.uk

### **What is a Privacy Notice?**

A Privacy Notice sets out to individuals how we use any personal information that we hold about them. We are required to publish this information by data protection legislation. This Privacy Notice explains how we process (collect, store, use and share) personal information about our pupils and parents.

### **What is Personal Information?**

Personal information relates to a living individual who can be identified from that information. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession.

'Special category' personal information relates to personal information revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation.

### **What personal information do we process about pupils and parents?**

The pupil and parent information that we collect, hold and share includes:

- Personal information including a pupil's name, date of birth, unique pupil number, home address
- Attendance information such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons.
- Educational information including records of work, assessment results, relevant medical information, details of pupils' special educational needs, exclusions/behavioural information, post-16 learning information.
- Contact information for parents, carers and other relatives, including telephone numbers, home addresses and e-mail addresses.
- Information about a child's home life, where required as part of necessary safeguarding and welfare processes.
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans, and support providers.

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, allergies and linked health and educational professionals. We may also hold information on a parent's / carers or sibling's medical information
- Photographs and CCTV images captured in school
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background or special educational needs

### **Why do we use personal information?**

We use pupil data:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to protect pupil welfare and to ensure pupils vital interests are met.
- to safeguard pupils
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to share medical information with health professionals
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research

### **Use of yours or your child's personal data for marketing purposes**

Where you have given us consent to do so, we may send you or your child marketing information by email or text promoting school events, campaigns, charitable causes or services that may be of interest to them. You can withdraw consent or 'opt out' of receiving these emails and/or texts at any time by contacting us (see 'Contact us' below).

### **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.

### **Collecting pupil information**

Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Most of the data we collect in relation to parents and pupils will come direct from the parent or pupil. However, we may also hold data relating to you and/or your child that has come from:

- Local authorities
- Government departments or agencies
- Police force, courts, tribunals
- External support services

### **What are the legal reasons for us to process your personal information?**

We are required to process personal information in accordance with data protection legislation and only do so when the law allows us to. The lawful reasons we have for processing personal information are as follows:

### **1) To comply with the law**

We collect and use general purpose pupil information in order to meet certain legal requirements and legal obligations placed upon the Academy Trust by law. We therefore are required to process personal information for such purposes even if you have not consented to us doing so.

Details of the type of processing that we must undertake, the personal data that is processed, the legislation which requires us to do so and who we may share this information with is set out in Table 1.

If you would like a copy of or further information regarding the statutory authorities that underpin our legal obligations, you should contact the trust in writing.

### **2) To protect someone's vital interests**

We are able to process personal information when there is an emergency and/or where a person's life is in danger.

Details of the type of processing that we may undertake on this basis and who we may share that information is set out in Table 2.

### **3) With the consent of the individual to whom that information 'belongs'**

Whilst much of the personal information processed is in accordance with a legal requirement, there is some personal information that we can only process when we have your consent to do so. In these circumstances, we will provide you with specific and explicit information regarding the reasons the data is being collected and how the data will be used.

Details of the type of processing that we may undertake on this basis and who we may share that information is set out in Table 3.

### **4) To perform a public task**

It is a day-to-day function of the schools/trust to ensure that children receive the education and support they require. Much of this work is not set out directly in any legislation but it is deemed to be necessary in order to ensure that pupils are properly educated and supported

Details of the type of processing that we may undertake on this basis and who we may share that information is set out in Table 4.

### **5) We have a legitimate interest**

Occasionally we have reasons to process information which fall outside of our usual day-to-day functions. Details of the type of processing that we may undertake on this basis are set out in Table 5.

### **Special category personal information**

In order to process 'special category' data, we must be able to demonstrate how the law allows us to do so. In addition to the lawful reasons above, we must also be satisfied that ONE of the following additional lawful reasons applies:

- 1) Explicit consent of the data subject
- 2) Processing relates to personal data which is manifestly made public by the data subject
- 3) Necessary for establishing, exercising or defending legal claims
- 4) Necessary for reasons of substantial public interest
- 5) Necessary for preventive or occupational medicine, or for reasons of public interest in the area of

public health

- 6) Necessary for archiving, historical research or statistical purposes 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

### **Who might we share your information with?**

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- schools that pupils may transfer to mid-year
- our local authority
- out of area local authorities
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- School nurse
- Health services
- Information Management software: SIMS, Parentpay, Cunningham's CRB, Wonde, Xporter
- Education/classroom apps: Times Tables Rockstars, Studybugs, Mathletics
- Conferencing software for homework and home learning: (Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams)
- HR and Payroll
- Careers
- Links Day Care (wrap around care)
- Positive Impact (holiday club)

We do not share information about our pupils or parents unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Please refer to the tables for information about what personal information is shared with which specific third parties.

### **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>.

### **What do we do with your information?**

All personal information is held in a manner which is compliant with data protection legislation. Personal information is only processed for the purpose it was collected. Central England Academy Trust monitors the personal information it processes and will only share personal information with a third party if it has a legal basis to do so (as set out above).

We have security measures in place to prevent yours and your child's information from being accidentally lost, used, or accessed in an authorised way, altered, or disclosed.

### **How long do we keep your information for?**

In retaining personal information, Central England Academy Trust complies with the Data Retention Schedules provided by the Information Record Management Society. The schedules set out the Statutory Provisions under which the Trust are required to retain the information.

A copy of those schedules can be located using the following link:

<http://irms.org.uk/page/SchoolsToolkit>

### **Transferring data internationally**

Where we transfer personal data to a country outside of the UK, we will do so with the appropriate safeguards in place in accordance with data protection law.

### **What are your rights with respect of your personal information?**

Under data protection law, parents and pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. Central England Academy Trust has nominated individuals in individual schools, as designated persons to be contacted in relation to all matters relating to data protection issues. To make a request for your personal information, or to have access to your child's educational record, these data protection leads can be contacted by approaching the individual school's main office or by emailing: [datacontroller@centralengland.co.uk](mailto:datacontroller@centralengland.co.uk)

or the School Data Protection Officer at Warwickshire Legal Services via email at [schooldpo@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooldpo@warwickshire.gov.uk) or alternatively;

School Data Protection Officer  
Warwickshire Legal Services  
Warwickshire County Council  
Shire Hall  
Market Square  
Warwick  
CV34 4RL

**\*\*Please ensure you specify which school your request relates to.**

**In certain circumstances** where the school/academy trust processes data for the purposes of legitimate interests or to fulfil their public task, individuals have a right to object to the processing where it is likely to cause, or is causing, harm or distress. When exercising this right, individuals should contact the school/academy trust to inform them of their reasons for their objection. The school/academy trust will consider the reasons for any objection and assess the risk to the individual against the purposes for the processing. In the event the school/academy trust is unable to comply with an objection, we will ensure we can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds to continue with the processing.

Where the school/academy trust processes your information with your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. To exercise this right, please contact the data protection leads by approaching the individual school's main office or by emailing: [datacontroller@centralengland.co.uk](mailto:datacontroller@centralengland.co.uk)

You also have the right to:

- 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; and

- Subject to the complaints procedure below, you have the right to complain to the ICO

## Data Protection Complaints

We are committed to handling your personal data in a way that is fair, transparent, and in accordance with the law. If you are unhappy with how we have handled your data, this process outlines how you can make a complaint.

### How to Make a Complaint

If you have a concern about how your personal data has been handled, please contact our Trust Data Protection Lead (DPL) or our Data Protection Officer (DPO). This gives us the opportunity to investigate and resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

There is no set format for making a data protection complaint. However, submitting your complaint in writing using our data protection complaints form may help us to respond more promptly. Please direct your complaint to:

- Trust Data Protection Lead (DPL) email: [datacontroller@centralengland.co.uk](mailto:datacontroller@centralengland.co.uk)
- School/Trust Data Protection Officer (DPO): [schooldpo@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooldpo@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### What to Expect from Us

We will acknowledge receipt of your complaint within 30 days. We will, without undue delay, take appropriate steps to respond to your complaint, including making appropriate enquires.

Throughout the process, we will:

- Keep you informed of our progress.
- Request any additional information we may need from you in a timely and proportionate manner.
- Provide you with a clear and comprehensive outcome of our investigation.

### If You Remain Unhappy

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, or if you feel we have not handled it appropriately, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO is the UK's independent regulator for data protection and information rights. For more information about the ICO and their complaints process, you can visit their website at [ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk).

### Review

The content of this Privacy Notice will be reviewed annually.

Date reviewed: May 2026

Date of next review: December 2026

**Table 1** – Personal information we are required to process to comply with the law:

Information Type	Relevant legislation	Special Category– additional lawful reason	Third Parties with whom we share the information	Lawful reason for sharing
Special Education Needs Report	Children and Families Act 2014, section 69, 29.	Public Task – to provide an education	Local Authority, Pupils LA, - School Nursing,	Legal Obligation

	<p>Education Act 1996, section 317.</p> <p>Children's Act 1989 section 36,</p> <p>Education Act 2002, section 175,</p> <p>Children's Act 2004 section 11</p> <p>Children's Act 1989 section 17, 47.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special Educational Mental Health and Learning (SEMHL)</li> <li>- Education Psychologist</li> <li>- CCT</li> <li>- Occupational Therapist</li> <li>- Physiotherapist</li> <li>- Speech and Language</li> <li>- Single point of entry</li> <li>- ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Pathway,</li> <li>- Looked after children team.</li> </ul>	
Attendance register	Education (Pupil Registration)(England) Regulations 2006, Regulation 4, 10, 11 and 12		OFSTED, Local Authority, DFE	Legal Obligation
Common Transfer file	Education (Pupil Registration)(England) Regulations 2005, Regulation 6		School / college pupil transfers to	Legal Obligation
Safeguarding information	Education Act 2002, section 175 Children's Act 1989, Section 17, 47, 83. Children's Act 2004, Section 11	Public Task – to keep pupils and people safe	Local Authority, police, NHS,	Legal Obligation
Admissions Register	Education (Pupil Registration)(England) Regulations 2006, Regulation 4, 10, 11, 14 and 15		OFSTED, Local Authority	Legal Obligation
Curricular Record including Assessment and achievement data	Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005, Regulation 4		OFSTED, Local School. Local Authority	Legal Obligation
Educational Record	Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005, Regulation 5 and 6		Parents, Local school	Legal Obligation
Pupil Information i.e name, age address, Gender Emergency contact details	Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013, Regulation 3 and 5		Department of Education – school census. Other schools – when pupils transfers, Warwickshire transport services SIMS CPOMS	Legal Obligation

			Social Care Evolve NHS Trust Positive Impact – holiday club	
Pupils Ethnicity, Language, Religion, Traveller status	Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013, Regulation 3 and 5	Statistical – Public Task	SIMS Department of Education – school census.	Legal Obligation
Medical / GP details / Dietary / allergies		Necessary for preventative or occupational medicine	Department of Education – school census. Other schools – when pupils transfers SIMS Enhanced Learning and Support. ABM Caterers	Legal Obligation
Pastoral and home life information			Social Care Attendance Officer New Schools Referral services / charities Emergency services CPS	Legal Obligation
School Census	Education Act 1996, Sections 537 & 537A, and accompanying regulations		Department of Education	Legal Obligation
Staff information, including personal details, DBS check, qualifications	Education Act 2005, section 114		Secretary of State, Warwickshire County Council, Disclosure and Barring Service	Legal Obligation

**Table 2** – Personal information we are required to process as it is necessary to protect someone’s vital interests

<b>Information Type</b>	<b>Relevant legislation</b>	<b>Special Category– additional lawful reason</b>	<b>Third Parties with whom we share the information</b>	<b>Lawful reason for sharing</b>
Medical Information past and present		Necessary to protect vital interests of the data subject or another person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent’	Medical staff, NHS, NHS residential centres, Local Authority,	Vital Interests

Religious belief		Necessary to protect vital interests of the data subject or another person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent'	Medical staff, NHS,DFE, Local Authority	Vital Interests
Pupils name, age, Gender and disability information		Necessary to protect vital interests of the data subject or another person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent'	NHS, Police	Vital Interests

**Table 3** - Personal information we are required to process with the consent of the individual to whom that information 'belongs' - *please note that you have the right to withdraw your consent for us to process this information at any time.*

<b>Information Type</b>	<b>Relevant legislation</b>	<b>Special Category– additional lawful reason</b>	<b>Third Parties with whom we share the information</b>	<b>Lawful reason for sharing</b>
Photographs			Government agencies, Department for Education, Police, Facebook, X, school displays, prospectus and website (Concept4 Ltd) and Capita, Class DoJo, School photographer UCAS Eclipse Library System E4Education Redstoor Ltd	Consent
Email Addresses and Phone number			DoJo Dare2Dream U-neek Learning Groundwork Police Schools Stickers Ltd SISRA 4C Software ALPS FFT Aspire UCAS	Consent

			Grantfairy Scholarships & Bursaries Thinkhigher Careers for schools Egress Rise (CAMHS) Young Carers NHS Microsoft Cunninghams CRB ParentPay MyEd PS Connect Redstoor Ltd School Cloud Systems	
Pupil Name			Residential settings School photos DoJo Education City Discovery espresso	Consent
DOB, Gender and home address			Residential settings	Consent
Emergency contact information			Residential settings	Consent

**Table 4** - Personal information we are required to process because it is necessary to do so in order to perform a public task – please note that the right to object will apply to **some** of this processing, please see the section above that refers to ‘*What are your rights with respect of your personal information?*’

<b>Information Type</b>	<b>Relevant legislation</b>	<b>Special Category– additional lawful reason</b>	<b>Third Parties with whom we share the information</b>	<b>Lawful reason for sharing</b>
Pupil Information - name, age address, Parent details, Emergency contact details			Department of Education – school census. Other schools – when pupils transfers, Residential centres	Legal Obligation
Academic Progress data including Leuven data, Wellcom data, Solar, Learning journals, staff observations			OFSTED, Parents, Health-such as Physiotherapy and Speech/Language	Public Task & Legal Obligation

Safeguarding information, Medical, Special Education Needs			Local Authority, Health, Parents, Local Police	Legal Obligation
Educational and Safeguarding Information used internally for the purpose of educating and protecting the welfare of children.				
CCTV Images	Safeguarding and Security (Article 9(2G))		This is not routinely shared	Public Task & Legal Obligation

**Table 5 - Personal information we process because we have a legitimate interest.** please note that the right to object will apply to *some* of this processing, please see the section above that refers to ‘*What are your rights with respect of your personal information?*’

<b>Information Type</b>	<b>Relevant legislation</b>	<b>Special Category– additional lawful reason</b>	<b>Third Parties with whom we share the information</b>	<b>Lawful reason for sharing</b>
Images captured on our CCTV system			This is not routinely shared	