

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

Who we are

You already know that your school is called Idsall School, but we have to tell you that Idsall School is the organisation which is in charge of your personal information. This means that Idsall School is called the Data Controller.

The postal address of Idsall School is:

Idsall School
Coppice Green Lane
Shifnal
SHROPSHIRE, TF11 8PD

If you want to contact us about your personal information you can contact Mr. D. Crichton, Deputy Headteacher at school – by leaving him a letter at reception or send one by post. You can also contact the school's Data Protection Officer by email at ClerkOfGovernors@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk.

Why do we collect and use pupil information?

- Idsall School is under a legal obligation to collect the information or the information is necessary for us to meet legal requirements imposed upon us such as our duty to safeguard pupils.

We collect and use pupil information under the submission of the school census returns, including a set of named pupil records. This is a statutory requirement on schools under [Section 537A of the Education Act 1996](#).

- It is necessary for us to hold and use your information for the purposes of our functions in providing schooling and so we can look after our pupils. This is a function which is in the public interest because everybody needs to have an education. This means we have real and proper reasons to use your information.
- We have a legitimate interest in holding and using your information because it is necessary in order to provide our pupils with education and pastoral care and connected purposes as outlined above.
- We will not usually need your consent to use your information. However, if at any time it appears to us that we would like to use your personal data in a way which means that we would need your consent then we will explain to you what we want to do and ask you for consent. This is most likely to be where we are involved in activities which are not really part of our job as a School, but we are involved because we think it would benefit our pupils. If you give your consent, you may change your mind at any time. If we think that you will not understand what we are asking then we will ask your parent or carer instead. Usually, we will involve your parents or carers even if you can make your own decision.

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to meet our safeguarding obligations
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal

- eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- exclusions / behavioural information
- Assessment information (such as KS2, KS3, KS4, post-16)
- relevant medical information
- special educational needs information

Collecting pupil information

When we collect personal information on our forms, we will make it clear whether there is a legal requirement for you / your parents or carers to provide it or whether there is a legal requirement on the school to collect it. If there is no legal requirement then we will explain why we need it and what the consequences are if it is not provided.

Storing pupil data

We only keep your information for as long as we need to or for as long as the law requires us to. Most of the information we have about you will be in your pupil file. We usually keep this information until your 25th birthday unless you move to another school in which case we send your file to your new school. We have a policy which explains how long we keep information.

Who do we share pupil information with?

- Your new school if you move schools
- Disclosures connected with SEND – e.g. non-Local Authority professionals
- Organisations relating to the welfare and safety of pupils.
- School nurse
- School Counsellor
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- Educators and Examining Bodies
- The Department for Education
- Shropshire County Council
- NHS
- Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service and other emergency or enforcement agencies

The information disclosed to these people / services will include sensitive personal information about you. Usually this means information about your health and any special educational needs or disabilities which you have. We do this because these people need the information so that they can support you.

Aged 14+ qualifications

For pupils enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us a pupil's unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about the pupil's learning or qualifications

Why we share pupil information

Our disclosure of your personal data is lawful for the following reasons:

- Idsall School is under a legal obligation to disclose the information or disclosing the information is necessary for us to meet legal requirements imposed upon us such as our duty to look after our pupils and protect them from harm. (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).
- It is necessary for us to disclose your information for the purposes of our functions in providing schooling. This is a function which is in the public interest.
- We have a legitimate interest in disclosing your information because it is necessary in order to provide our pupils with education and pastoral care and connected purposes as outlined above.
- It is in your vital interests for your personal information to be passed to these people or services.
- We will not usually need consent to disclose your information. However, if at any time it

appears to us that we would need consent then this will be sought before a disclosure is made.

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>.

Youth support services

What is different about pupils aged 13+?

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil information to our local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers

A parent / guardian can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

Our pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils aged 16+ with our local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

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.

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our pupils from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested: and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data

To be granted access to pupil information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the department has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

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

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 Mrs. V. Hulme, Business Manager, Idsall School.

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:

- Mrs. V. Hulme, Business Manager, Idsall School
- or
- Mr. D. Crichton, Deputy Headteacher, Idsall School