



Privacy notice for parents/carers of pupils

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how our trust 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**. This privacy notice applies while we believe your child is not capable of understanding and exercising their own data protection rights.

Once your child is able to understand their rights over their own data (generally considered to be age 12, but this has to be considered on a case-by-case basis), you should instead refer to our privacy notice for pupils to see what rights they have over their own personal data. This can be found on our website.

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust is the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

The schools within the Trust are:

School	URN
St John Rigby Catholic Primary School	139515
St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School	139517
St Joseph's and St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	139547
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	142733
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	142738
The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School	142742
Thomas Becket Catholic School	142747
Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School	141633
St Edward's Catholic Primary School	141634
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	141635
St Brenden's Catholic Primary School	142064

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:

- 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

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

Why we use this data

We use this data to:

- a) Support pupil learning
- b) Monitor and report on pupil progress
- c) Provide appropriate pastoral care
- d) Protect pupil welfare
- e) Assess the quality of our services
- f) Administer admissions waiting lists
- g) Carry out research
- h) Comply with the law regarding data sharing
- i) Communicate with parents

Where you have given us consent to do so, we may send 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).

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.

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:

- In accordance with the 'public task' basis – we need to process data to fulfil our statutory function as a school in accordance with the Education Act.
- In accordance with the 'legal obligation' basis where we need to process data to meet our responsibilities under law
- In accordance with the 'consent' basis – we will from time to time obtain consent from you to use your child's personal data

- In accordance with the 'vital interests' basis – we will use this personal data in a life-or-death situation
- 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
- In accordance with the 'legitimate interests' basis – where there's a minimal privacy impact and we have a compelling reason

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.

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 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 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

Collecting this data

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, 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.

Information may be collected from, but is not limited to, our websites, forms, files transferred between schools, the local authority and central government departments.

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

How long 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. Our Data Retention Schedule sets out how long we keep information about pupils. This is available on our website.

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.

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 share personal information about pupils routinely with:

- The local authorities within which our schools are situated
- Government departments or agencies
- Our youth services providers
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulators such as Ofsted and the Diocese of Northampton
- Schools within the trust to support teaching and learning, pastoral care and facilitate transition
- Destination schools outside the trust to aid transition
- Financial organisations
- Our auditors
- Suppliers and service providers to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for – this includes, but is not limited, to online payment systems, messaging systems, virtual learning environments and educational engagement tools
- Survey and research organisations
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Professional bodies

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 years' census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#) (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research. The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

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

For more information, see the Department's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#). You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) with any further questions about the NPD.

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.

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).

Parents, or those with parental responsibility, can also access their child's educational record (which includes most information about a pupil). There are certain circumstances in which this 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 request access, please contact our data protection officer.

Other rights

Under 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
- 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).

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/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 DPO@olicatschools.org

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 our schools.

However, our **data protection lead** has day-to-day responsibility for data protection issues in **St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School**

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact them on head@stm.beds.sch.uk