Oak Lodge School

Privacy Notice for Parents



Introduction

This notice is to help you understand **how** and **why** we collect your child's personal information and **what** we do with that information. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your child's information

We are giving you this notice because you are able to exercise your child's data protection rights on their behalf. When your child is older (usually when they reach the age of 13) they will be considered mature enough to exercise their own data protection rights.

What is "personal information"?

Personal information is information that the School holds about your child and which identifies your child.

This includes information such as their name, date of birth and address as well as things like exam results, medical details and behaviour records. The School may also record your child's religion or ethnic group.

CCTV, biometric data, photos and video recordings of your child are also personal information.

How and why does the School collect and use personal information?

We set out below examples of the different ways in which we use personal information and where this personal information comes from. Our primary reason for using your child's information is to provide your child with an education.

The admissions forms which you complete give us personal information about your child. We get information from your child, their teachers and other pupils. Your child's old school also gives us information about your child if we need this to teach and care for them.

Sometimes we get information from your child's doctor and other professionals where we need this to look after your child.

We collect this information to help the School run properly, safely and to let others know what we do here. Here are some examples:

- We need to tell all appropriate members of staff if your child is allergic to something or might need extra help with some tasks.
- We use CCTV to make sure the School site is safe. CCTV is not used in private areas such as changing rooms.
- We may need to report some of your child's information to the government. For example, we may need to tell Wandsworth local authority and or the local authority where you live that you attend the School or let them know if we have any concerns about your child's welfare.
- We may need information about any court orders or criminal matters which relate to your child. This is so that we can safeguard your child's welfare and wellbeing and the other pupils at the School.

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- Depending on where your child will go when you leave us we may need to provide your
 information to other schools, colleges, universities or potential employers. For example, we
 may share information about your child's exam results and provide references. We may
 need to pass on information which they need to look after your child.
- When you take public examinations (e.g. NVQ's, GCSEs) we will need to share information about your child with examination boards. For example, if your child requires extra time in their exams.
- We may need to share information with the police or our legal advisers if something goes
 wrong or to help with an inquiry. For example, if one of your child's classmates is injured at
 School.
- Occasionally we may use consultants, experts and other advisors to assist the School in fulfilling its obligations and to help run the School properly. We might need to share your child's information with them if this is relevant to their work.
- If your child has misbehaved in a serious way, and the police have become involved, we
 may need to use information about the action taken by the police.
- We may share some information with our insurance company to make sure that we have the insurance cover that we need.
- We may share your child's academic and (where fair) their behaviour records with you or their education guardian so you can support their education.
- We will monitor your child's use of email, the internet and mobile electronic devices e.g.
 iPads. This is to check that your child is not misbehaving when using this technology or
 putting themselves at risk of harm. If you would like more information about this you can
 read the ICT Acceptable Use policy or speak to Ms Mukasa, Head of School.
- We may use photographs or videos of your child for our websites and social media sites or
 prospectus to show prospective pupils what we do here and to advertise the school. We
 may continue to use these photographs and videos after your child has left the school.
- Sometimes we use photographs and videos for teaching purposes, for example, to record a
 drama lesson. If you have any concerns about us using photographs or videos of your child
 please speak to Ms Mukasa, Head of School.
- We publish our public exam results statistics, sports fixtures and other news on the website
 and put articles and photographs in the local news to tell people about what we have been
 doing.
- We sometimes use contractors to handle personal information on our behalf. For example IT consultants who might access information about your child when checking the security of our IT network:

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- The Department for Education. We share pupils' data with the Department for Education on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.
- Our local authority. We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.
- The local authority where you live. We are required to share information about our pupils with the local authority in which they live.

- The National Health Service. We need to share information about our pupils who receive care in school for services which are provided and/or funded by the NHS.
- Health care specialists. We need to share information with specialists who help us to support your child (eg therapists, audiologists, social services).
- 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.
- We are required to pass information about our pupils to the Department for Education (DfE) under regulation 4 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.
- We are required to share information with schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us.

Our legal grounds for using your information

This section contains information about the legal basis that we are relying on when handling your child's information.

Legitimate interests

This means that the processing of your child's data is necessary for legitimate. The School relies on legitimate interests for most of the ways in which it uses your child's information.

Specifically, the School has a legitimate interest in:

- Providing your child with an education.
- Safeguarding and promoting your child's welfare and the welfare of other children.
- Promoting the objectives and interests of the School.
- Facilitating the efficient operation of the School.
- Ensuring that all relevant legal obligations of the School are complied with.

If you object to us using your information where we are relying on our legitimate interests as explained above please speak to Ms Mukasa, Head of School.

Legal obligation

Where the School needs to use your child's information in order to comply with a legal obligation, for example to report a concern about your child's wellbeing to Children's Services, we may also have to disclose your child's information to third parties such as the courts, the local authority or the police where legally obliged to do so.

Public interest

Personal data may be processed on the basis that the school has a legitimate interest in processing that data, provided that such legitimate interest is not overridden by the rights or freedoms of the child.

The School must also comply with an additional condition where it processes special categories of personal information. These special categories include: personal information revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, genetic information, biometric information, health information, and information about sex life or orientation.

Vital interests

To protect the vital interests of any person where that person cannot give consent, for example, if they are seriously hurt and are unconscious.

Legal claims

The processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. This allows us to share information with our legal advisors and insurers.

Medical purposes

This includes medical treatment and the management of healthcare services.

Collecting Personal Information

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

We may ask for your consent to use your child's information in certain ways. If we ask for your consent to use your child's personal information you can take back this consent at any time. Any use of your child's information before you withdraw consent remains valid. Please speak to Ms Mukasa, Head of School if you would like to withdraw any consent given.

Sending information to other countries

We may send your child's information to countries which do not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is the UK. For example, we may communicate with you about your child by email when you are overseas (for example, when you are on holiday).

The European Commission has produced a list of countries which have adequate data protection rules. The list can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/international-transfers/adequacy/index en.htm

If the country that we are sending your information to is not on the list or, is not a country within the EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland) then, it might not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is the UK.

We will provide you with details about the safeguards which we have in place outside of this privacy notice. If you have any questions about the safeguards that are in place please contact Ms Mukasa, Head of School .

For how long do we keep your information?

We keep your child's information for as long as we need to in order to educate and look after them. We will keep some information after your child has left the School.

In exceptional circumstances we may keep your child's information for a longer time than usual, but we would only do so if we had a good reason and only if we are allowed to do so under data protection law.

What decisions can you make about your information?

From May 2018 you will be able to make various decisions about your child's information. Some of these are new rights whilst others build on your child's existing rights. Your child's rights are as follows:

- if information is incorrect you can ask us to correct it;
- you can also ask what information we hold about your child and be provided with a copy.
 We will also give you extra information, such as why we use this information about your child, where it came from and what types of people we have sent it to;
- you can ask us to delete the information that we hold about your child in certain circumstances. For example, where we no longer need the information;
- you can ask us to send you, or another organisation, certain types of information about your child in a format that can be read by computer; and
- our use of information about your child may be restricted in some cases. For example, if
 you tell us that the information is inaccurate we can only use it for limited purposes while
 we check its accuracy.

Further information and guidance

This notice is to explain how we look after your child's personal information. Ms Mukasa, Head of School can answer any questions which you might have.

Please speak to your Ms Mukasa, Head of School if:

- you object to us using your child's information for marketing purposes e.g. to send you
 information about school events. We will stop using your child's information for marketing
 purposes if you tell us not to; or
- you would like us to update the information we hold about your child; or
- you would prefer that certain information is kept confidential.

If you consider that we have not acted properly when using your child's personal information you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office: ico.org.uk

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