



PRIVACY NOTICE FOR PUPILS

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1. Introduction

Under data protection law, you have a legal right to be informed about how your school uses any personal information that we hold about you. To comply with this, we provide a 'privacy notice' to you where we are processing your personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store, and use personal data about you.

We, Cranmer Education Trust, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

2. The Personal Data We Hold

We hold some personal information about you to make sure we can help you learn and look after you at school.

For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – like other schools, the Local Authority, and the government.

This information includes:

- Your contact details
- Your test results
- Your attendance records
- Your characteristics, like your ethnic background or any special educational needs
- Any medical conditions you have
- Details of any behaviour issues or exclusions
- Photographs
- CCTV images
- Digital activity records and online identifiers within school platforms

We may also collect, store, and use information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes information about (where applicable):

- Protected characteristics as per equality legislation, such as race, health, and special educational needs

3. Why we collect this Data

We use this data to help run your school, including to:

- Get in touch with you and your parents/carers when we need to
- Check how you're doing in learning and work out whether you or your teachers need any extra help
- Track how well the school and Trust is performing
- Look after your wellbeing

4. Our Lawful Basis for using this Data

We process this sensitive information where it is essential to provide you with an education, support your learning, and protect your wellbeing. For example, health information is processed to meet our duty of care and safeguard all pupils.

We will only collect and use your information when the law allows us to. Most often, we will use your information where:

- We need to comply with the law, e.g., safeguarding
- We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (to provide you with an education)

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

- You, or your parents/carers have given us permission to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect your interests (or someone else's interest)

Where we have permission to use your data, you or your parents/carers may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission and explain how to go about withdrawing consent.

In addition to the above, where we process "special category" data (such as information about health, ethnicity, or special educational needs), we do so with an additional lawful basis under data protection law, which may include safeguarding your welfare or substantial public interest.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several grounds which mean we can use your data.

5. Collecting this Information

While in most cases you, or your parents/carers, must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose if you want to provide the data. For example, you may choose to provide photos for non-essential school activities or participate in school surveys.

We will always tell you if it's optional. If you must provide the data, we will explain what might happen if you don't.

6. How we store this Data

We will keep personal information about you while you are a pupil at our school. We may also keep it after you have left the school, where we are required to by law.

We have a record retention schedule which sets out how long we must keep information about pupils. If you want a copy of it, please contact your school.

7. Data Sharing

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the school without permission from you or your parents/carers unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal duties to share certain information with it, such as concerns about pupils' safety and exclusions
- The Department for Education (a government department)

- Your family and representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator (Ofsted)
- Suppliers and service providers – so that they can provide the services we have contracted them for
- Financial organisations
- Central and local government
- Our auditors
- 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

8. National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#), which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how schools are performing. This, in turn, supports research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information it holds is collected securely from schools, local authorities, exam boards and others.

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

You can find more information about this on the Department for Education's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) if you have any questions about the database.

9. Youth Support Services

Once you reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information about you to Positive Steps as it has legal responsibilities regarding the education or training of 13-19-year-olds.

This information enables it to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers. In some cases, we may also be required to pass information to other youth support organisations.

Your parents/carers, or you once you're 16, can contact your school office to ask us to only pass your name, address, and date of birth to Positive Steps.

10. Transferring Data Internationally

Where we share data with an organisation that is based outside the European Economic Area, we will protect your data by following UK data protection law.

11. Your rights

11.1 How to access personal information we hold about you

You can find out if we hold any personal information about you, and how we use it, by making a **‘subject access request,’** if we judge that you can properly understand your rights and what they mean.

If we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your parents/carers
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know if we are using your data to make any automated decisions (decisions being taken by a computer or machine, e.g., AI tools, rather than by a person)
- Give you a copy of the information

You may also ask us to send your personal information to another organisation electronically in certain circumstances.

If you want to make a request, please contact your school office.

12. Artificial Intelligence

If we ever propose to make decisions about you using only automated systems (like AI), we will explain this to you and your parents/carers.

Automated decisions are always subject to human involvement and overview (e.g., analysing attendance data to flag concerns)

Any AI tools a school chooses to employ (e.g., AI marking or assessing) would be explained to students and parents/carers and would always be subject to human oversight and human intelligence.

13. Your other rights over your data

You have other rights over how your personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Say that you don’t want it to be used if this would cause, or is causing, harm or distress
- Stop it being used to send you marketing materials
- Say that you don’t want it used to make automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- Have it corrected, deleted, or destroyed if it is wrong, or restrict our use of it
- Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way

To exercise any of these rights, please contact your school office.

14. 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.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer. The DPO contact is 'Veritau Schools DPO Service' who fulfil the statutory role of the DPO. They are the key liaison point for the Information Commissioner's Office. They are an independent adviser to the Trust on compliance with data protection legislation, individual rights, data security and breach handling policies.

Veritau's help desk operates from 9:00 – 17:00 on Monday to Thursday and 9:00 – 16:30 on Fridays

E-mail: schoolsDPO@veritau.co.uk

Tel: 01904 554 025.

Alternatively, you can seek advice directly from the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK's data protection regulator:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
- Contact form: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>
- Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>
- Call 0303 123 1113
- Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF