

# Privacy Notice (Children Looked After Information)

New College Durham Academies Trust collect and hold data on the students that enables the academies to provide education services that meet the needs of its students. The information supports the tracking of student attainment and progress, attendance and behaviour. Pastoral, curriculum, examination and timetabling decisions are based on the data we collect and ensure the appropriate support is given to specific groups of students.

### The categories of this information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- personal information (such as name, date of birth and address)
- characteristics (such as gender, ethnicity and disability)
- information relating to episodes of being a child in need (such as referral information,
- assessment information, Section 47 information, Initial Child Protection information
- and Child Protection Plan information)
- episodes of being looked after (such as important dates, information on placements)
- outcomes for looked after children (such as whether health and dental assessments are
- up to date, strengths and difficulties questionnaire scores and offending)
- adoptions (such as dates of key court orders and decisions)
- care leavers (such as their activity and what type of accommodation they have)

### Why we collect and use this information

We use this personal data to:

- support these children and monitor their progress;
- provide them with pastoral care;
- assess the quality of our services;
- evaluate and improve our policies on children's social care.

## The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information under GDPR, Article 6(1), where it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation on the academies to educate the data subject OR that the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes. Under Article 9(2) of the GDPR, pupil's personal data will only be processed for the purposes of carry out our obligations as an educational establishment.

#### **Collecting this information**

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

# Storing this information

We hold looked after children data until the student until the student reaches the age of 25.

## Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- schools/alternative education
- our local authority
- the Department for Education
- Child Health Service
- Education Psychologists

- One Point
- Police Service

3rd Party Applications and Services such as

- Microsoft Teams
- Frog/WEDUC
- Capita Sims
- Wonde/Edukey

- Sisra Analystics
- OSMIS
- Kerboodle
- Hegarty Maths
- Classcharts
- Fisher Family Trust
- CPOMs

# Why we share this information

**Department for Education (DfE) -** We share children in need and children looked after data with the Department on a statutory basis, under Section 83 of 1989 Children's Act, Section 7 of the Young People's

Act 2008 and also under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

This data sharing helps to develop national policies, manage local authority performance, administer and allocate funding and identify and encourage good practice. We do not share information about our children in need or children looked after with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

#### **Data collection requirements**

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education go to:

Children looked after: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-looked-after-return">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-looked-after-return</a> Children in need: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-in-need-census">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-in-need-census</a>

#### The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about children in England. It provides invaluable information on the background and circumstances on a child's journey and 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 children to the DfE as part of statutory data collections. Some of this information is then stored in the national pupil database (NPD). The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual pupils) (England) Regulations 2013. To find out more about the NPD, go to <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-andsupporting-information">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-andsupporting-information</a>.

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

To contact DfE: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe">https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe</a>

### Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and students 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 Christine Connolly, <a href="mailto:dpo@ncdat.org.uk">dpo@ncdat.org.uk</a>Data Protection Officer.

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or
- distress;
- request to withdraw your consent for data we process that requires consent;
- 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, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact 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: Christine Connolly, dpo@ncdat.org.ukData Protection Officer.