



## **BHES & The Meriton**

### **Privacy Notice for Parents** **(How we use your child's information)**

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Bristol Hospital Education Service & The Meriton is the Data controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice.

#### **The categories of your child's 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)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment information
- Special educational needs and disability information
- Relevant medical information
- Home school details and information about previous educational attainment

#### **Why we collect and use this information**

We use your child's data:

- to support your child's learning
- to plan personalised learning programmes
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide reports to on roll schools
- to provide information for Education Health and Care Plan Assessments
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

#### **The lawful basis on which we use this information**

We collect and use pupil information under section 537A of the Education Act 1996, section 83 of the Children Act 1989 and The EU General Data Protection Regulation

2016/679 (GDPR) including Article 6 'Lawfulness of processing' and Article 9 'Processing of special categories of personal data'

<https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

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

### **Collecting your child's information**

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

### **Storing your child's data**

We hold pupil data for the time specified in the school's Data Retention Policy.

Your child's data will be stored for the duration of the academic year in which your child is dual registered with BHES. These conform with the Department of Education guidance.

We hold your child's data up to the end of the academic year in which your child has been dual registered with BHES, after which time it will either be returned to their home school or permanently deleted.

### **Who we share your child's information with**

We routinely share your child's information with:

- On roll schools with whom your child is dual registered
- Your local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- Any health professionals working with your child

### **Why we share your child's information**

We do not share information about your child with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

We share your child's data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

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.

### **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>.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers

You can request that **only** your child's name, address and date of birth is passed to these agencies by informing us. This right is transferred to your child once they reach the age of 16.

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

### **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 our reception.

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, 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 our head teacher.

### **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 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>