



## **PRIVACY NOTICE FOR STUDENTS**

You have a legal right to be informed about how our 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, Beths Grammar School, Hartford Road, Bexley, Kent, DA5 1NE are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Mr M Neylan, Senior Deputy Headteacher, (see 'Contact us' below).

### **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 council and the government.

This information includes:

- Personal Information, name, address, unique student number, contact information, identification documents
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, language, nationality, country of birth, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests or exams
- Attendance Information
- Behavioural information, including that relating to exclusions
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- Safeguarding information
- Special Educational Needs
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Leaver's destinations
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in school

### **Why we use this data**

We use this data to:

- Support student learning
- Monitor and report on student progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect student welfare
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing



### **Our legal basis for using this data**

We only collect and use students' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest

Less commonly, we may also process students' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where we have obtained consent to use students' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using students' personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

### **Collecting this information**

We obtain personal data in a variety of ways. Some of the information comes from the admissions forms and acceptance forms which have been supplied to us. We also receive information about students from other schools (CTF) and agencies, such as healthcare professionals. Data is also obtained from your parents, carers or guardians, your teachers and other students.

Whilst the majority of student information provided 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 student information to us or if you have a choice in this.

### **How we store this data**

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

We keep personal information about students 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. The Information and Records Management Society (IRMS) is a professional association for those who work in records or information management. It has produced an information management toolkit for schools. A table on pages 37-56 shows the retention periods for different types of school records, and the actions to take at the end of a record's administrative life. Beths uses this guidance when considering data retention, storage and deletion and internal processes/guidelines regarding various types of company records and information that contain personal data.

For the IRMS Toolkit for Schools, visit

[https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/irms.site-ym.com/resource/collection/8BCEF755-0353-4F66-9877-CCDA4BFEEAC4/2016\\_IRMS\\_Toolkit\\_for\\_Schools\\_v5\\_Master.pdf](https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/irms.site-ym.com/resource/collection/8BCEF755-0353-4F66-9877-CCDA4BFEEAC4/2016_IRMS_Toolkit_for_Schools_v5_Master.pdf)



We take appropriate steps to retain personal data only for so long as is necessary, taking into account the following criteria:

- the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data;
- the risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure;
- the purposes for which we process the personal data and how long we need the particular data to achieve these purposes;
- how long the personal data is likely to remain accurate and up-to-date;
- for how long the personal data might be relevant to possible future legal claims; and
- any applicable legal, accounting, reporting or regulatory requirements that specify how long certain records must be kept.

### **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 obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions
- The Department for Education
- The student’s family and representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator, Ofsted.
- Suppliers and service providers –to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for : Invenry, Kerboodle, ParentPay, Private Funds Manager, Schoolcomms, Show My Homework, SISRA, SOCS, sQuid
- Our auditors
- Health authorities
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Police forces, courts, tribunals

### **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.

### **Youth support services**

Once you reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information about you to Prospects as it has legal responsibilities regarding the education or training of 13-19 year-olds, under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This information enables it to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers.

Your parents/carers, or you once you're 16, can contact our data protection officer to ask us to only pass your name, address and date of birth to Prospects.

The information shared is limited to your name, address and date of birth. However, where a parent or guardian provides their consent, other information relevant to the provision of youth support services will be shared. This right is transferred to you, once you have reached the age of 16.

### **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 data protection law.

### **Your rights**

#### **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**', as long as 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
- 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, 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 our data protection officer.

#### **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



## Complaints

We take any complaints about how we collect and use your personal data very seriously, so please let us know if you think we've done something wrong.

You can make a complaint at any time by contacting our data protection officer.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in one of the following ways:

- Report a concern online at [Make a complaint | ICO](#)
- 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**:

- Mr M J Neylan, Senior Deputy Headteacher, [mrneylan@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:mrneylan@beths.bexley.sch.uk)

*This notice is based on the [Department for Education's model privacy notice](#) for students, amended for parents and to reflect the way we use data in this school.*

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