



Queen Elizabeth's School

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Privacy notice for pupils

You have a legal right to be informed about how the 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, Queen Elizabeth's School (Queen's Road, Barnet, Herts, EN5 4DQ) are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

You can contact our Data Protection Officer at dpo@qebarnet.co.uk

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:

- Personal information such as your name, date of birth and unique pupil number
- Your contact details, including your home address
- Your test and assessment results
- Your attendance records
- Your characteristics, like your ethnic background, nationality and eligibility for free school meals
- Details of any special educational needs
- Any medical conditions you have
- Details of any behaviour issues or exclusions
- Records of your usage of IT when using a School device or network
- Photographs
- CCTV images

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):

- Characteristics, such as ethnicity, languages spoken and eligibility for certain benefits
- Family circumstances, including court orders
- Physical and mental health, including medical conditions
- Support received, including care packages, plans and support providers

We may also hold data about you that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and social services.

Why we use this data

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

- Fulfill our legal responsibilities
- Get in touch with you and your parents when we need to
- Support your transition to secondary school and then on to university, further study and training, or employment when you leave
- Check how you're doing in internal and external exams and work out whether you or your teachers need any extra help
- Support your entry into public examinations
- Track how well the School as a whole is performing
- Keep you and fellow pupils safe, including online
- Look after your wellbeing, making sure you are supported if you have any particular needs
- Make sure you are being treated fairly
- Celebrate your achievements

Our legal basis for using this data

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
- We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (in order to provide you with an education)

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

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

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.

Collecting this information

While in most cases you, or your parents, must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose whether or not to provide the data.

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.

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.

The length of time that information will be kept for will be determined in relation to the law and with reference to the Information and Records Management Society guidelines, where there is no time period set in law.

Data sharing

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the School without permission from you or your parents, 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:

- *The 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 - to meet our legal duties to share certain information, such as details of the pupil roll and the educational outcomes achieved*
- *Your parents and representatives – so they can exercise their rights to be involved in decisions about your education and so the School can work with them in your interests*
- *Visiting teachers and coaches – so you can access additional opportunities in specialist areas of education such as music, languages or physical education.*
- *Examining bodies – to meet our responsibilities to awarding bodies to allow you to participate in public exams*
- *Ofsted (our regulator) – so they can hold us to account for the quality of education we provide to you*
- *Suppliers and service providers – so that they can provide the services we have contracted them for*
- *Financial organisations – so we can fulfill contracts for services to be provided to you; receive the funding and financial support you are entitled to; and allow you to participate in paid for activities such as trips*
- *Our auditors – so the School’s finances can be verified in your interest*
- *Health authorities – to protect your vital interests, so that medical professionals and the School can best look after your health and wellbeing*
- *Security organisations – to keep you, your peers and staff safe*
- *Professional advisers and consultants – to help us provide you with the best education possible, in your and the public interest*
- *Charities and voluntary organisations – where they are providing a service, such as counselling, which is in your interest*
- *Police forces, courts, tribunals – to meet our legal duties and to keep you safe*
- *Professional bodies – to support your teachers and support staff to provide the best education*

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 the London Borough of Barnet, 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.

Your parents, 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 the London Borough of Barnet.

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 <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
- 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:

- dpo@gebarnet.co.uk or on 020 8441 4646

This notice is based on the Department for Education's model privacy notice for pupils, amended to reflect the way we use data in this school.