



DULWICH PREP LONDON

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PRIVACY NOTICE

This is a whole school policy which applies to all sections of the School, including Early Years



Persons responsible for this policy:

Bursar

Data Protection Officer

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PRIVACY NOTICE FOR PUPILS, PARENTS AND STAFF

I. GENERAL

UK data protection law consists primarily of the UK version of the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018 ("**Data Protection Law**"). Dulwich Prep London (the "**School**") is a "data controller" for the purposes of Data Protection Law.

2. WHAT THIS PRIVACY NOTICE IS FOR

This Privacy Notice is intended to provide information about how the School will use (or "process") personal data about individuals including, but not limited to, current, past and prospective: (i) staff; (ii) pupils; (iii) parents, carers or guardians (referred to in this policy as "**parents**"); (iv) visitors; (v) volunteers; (vi) contractors and (vii) Governors. Collectively we refer to these individuals in the Privacy Notice as the "**School Community**".

This information is provided because Data Protection Law gives individuals rights to understand how their data is used. The School Community is encouraged to read this Privacy Notice and understand the School's obligations.

This Privacy Notice applies alongside any other information the School may provide about a particular use of personal data, for example when collecting data via an online or paper form.

This Privacy Notice also applies in addition to the School's other relevant terms and conditions and policies, including:

- the Contract for Educational Services;
- the Taking, Storing and Using Images of Children Policy;
- the CCTV Policy;
- the School's retention of records policy;
- the Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy;
- the School's IT policies, including the Acceptable Use and Screen Time Policy (pupils); and
- the School's employment policies, including the ICT Acceptable Use Policy and the Social Media Policy.

Anyone who works for, or acts on behalf of, the School (including staff, volunteers, Governors and service providers) will be subject to suitable training and/or policies commensurate with their role.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DATA PROTECTION

The School has appointed a Data Protection Officer ("DPO") who will deal with all your requests and enquiries concerning the School's uses of your personal data (see section on Your Rights below) and endeavour to ensure that all personal data is processed in compliance with this policy and Data Protection Law.

4. WHY THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO PROCESS PERSONAL DATA

In order to carry out its ordinary duties to the School Community, the School needs to process a wide range of personal data about individuals as part of its daily operation.

The School will need to carry out some of this activity in order to fulfil its legal rights, duties or obligations – including those under a contract with its staff, or parents of its pupils.

Other uses of personal data will be made in accordance with the School's "legitimate interests", or the "legitimate interests" of another, provided that these are not outweighed by the impact on individuals, and provided it does not involve special or sensitive types of data.

The School expects that the following uses will fall within that category of its (or its community's) "**legitimate interests**":

- for the purposes of pupil selection, to confirm the identity of prospective pupils and their parents, and retain a record, if appropriate, for the purposes of future applications or openings;
- to provide education services, including musical education, physical training or spiritual development, career services, and extra-curricular activities to pupils, and to monitor pupils' progress and educational needs, including where such services are provided remotely (either temporarily or permanently). Lessons, co-curricular activities and sport organised or co-ordinated by the School may be recorded by/for the School;
- to maintain relationships with the School Community, including direct marketing or fundraising activity;
- for the purposes of donor due diligence, to confirm the identity of prospective donors and their background and relevant interests;
- for the purposes of awarding bursaries where wealth screening takes place, to include items such as bank details, mortgage or asset wealth, shareholding and other data to assist calculating the wealth of a family for the purpose of awarding a bursary;
- for the purposes of management planning and forecasting, research and statistical analysis, including that imposed or provided for by law (such as tax, diversity or gender pay gap analysis);

- to enable relevant authorities to monitor the School's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- to give and receive information and references about past, current and prospective pupils, including relating to outstanding fees or payment history, to/from any educational institution that the pupil attended or where it is proposed they attend; and to provide references to potential employers of past pupils;
- to give and receive references about past, current and prospective members of staff;
- to enable pupils to take part in national or other assessments, and to publish the results of public examinations or other achievements of pupils of the School;
- to safeguard pupils' health and welfare and provide appropriate pastoral care;
- to monitor (as appropriate) use of the School's IT and communications systems in accordance with the School's E-Safety Policy, the Acceptable Use and Screen Time Policy (pupils) and ICT Acceptable Use Policy (staff);
- to make use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the School website and (where appropriate) on the School's social media channels in accordance with the Taking, Storing and Using Images of Children Policy;
- for security purposes, including CCTV in accordance with the School's CCTV Policy;
- for regulatory record keeping / compliance purposes in respect of immigration requirements, as an employer and/or visa sponsor;
- to comply with obligatory censuses;
- to carry out or cooperate with any School or external complaints, disciplinary or investigation process; and
- where otherwise reasonably necessary for the School's purposes, including to obtain appropriate professional advice and insurance for the School.

In addition, the School will on occasion need to process **special category personal data** (concerning health, ethnicity, religion, biometrics or sexual life) or criminal records information (such as when carrying out DBS checks) in accordance with rights or duties imposed on it by law, including as regards safeguarding and employment. These reasons will include:

- to safeguard pupils' welfare and provide appropriate pastoral (and where necessary, medical) care, and to take appropriate action in the event of an emergency, incident or accident, including by disclosing details of an individual's medical condition or other relevant information where it is in the individual's interests to do so: for example for medical advice, for social protection, safeguarding, and cooperation with police or social services, for insurance

purposes or to caterers or organisers of school trips who need to be made aware of dietary or medical needs;

- to comply with public health requirements in respect of COVID-19 (or similar) testing; including managing on-site testing and/or processing the results of tests taken by pupils or other members of the School community, and sharing this information with relevant health authorities;
- to provide educational services in the context of any special educational needs or disabilities (**SEND**) of a pupil;
- to provide spiritual education in the context of any religious beliefs;
- in connection with employment of its staff, for example DBS checks, welfare, or pension plans;
- as part of any school or external complaints, disciplinary or investigation process that involves such data, for example if there are SEND, health or safeguarding elements; or
- for legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection, diversity monitoring, health and safety and immigration / visa sponsorship compliance) and to comply with its legal obligations and duties of care.

5. TYPES OF PERSONAL DATA PROCESSED BY THE SCHOOL

The types of personal data processed by the School will include, but not be limited to:

- names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and other contact details;
- bank details and other financial information, e.g. about staff for payroll and expense claims or parents (or others) who pay fees to the School, and any anti money laundering information we are required to collect by law;
- past, present and prospective pupils' academic, disciplinary, admissions and attendance records (including information about any SEND), and examination scripts and marks;
- personnel files, including in connection with academics, employment or safeguarding;
- nationality and other immigration status information (e.g. right to work / study), including copies of passport information;
- where appropriate, information about individuals' health and welfare, and contact details for their next of kin;
- family or home circumstances for the purposes of safeguarding and wellbeing;
- references given or received by the School about pupils, and relevant information provided by previous educational establishments and/or other professionals or organisations working with pupils;

- references given or received by the School about members of staff;
- correspondence with and concerning staff, pupils and parents past and present;
- images of pupils (and occasionally other individuals) engaging in school activities, and images captured by the School's CCTV system (in accordance with the School's CCTV Policy and the Taking, Storing and Using Images of Children Policy); and
- where required, car details (about those who use our car parking facilities).

6. COVID-19 RELATED PROCESSING

While pandemic conditions persist, the School may need to collect, share and otherwise process personal data in accordance with Government guidance. This may be for reasons not specifically set out in this Privacy Notice but always for the purposes of protecting public and individual health by seeking to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

7. HOW THE SCHOOL COLLECTS DATA

Generally, the School receives personal data from the individual directly (including, in the case of pupils, from their parents). This may be via a form, or simply in the ordinary course of interaction or communication (such as email or written assessments).

However in some cases personal data will be supplied by third parties (for example another school, or other professionals or authorities working with that individual); or collected from publicly available resources.

8. WHO HAS ACCESS TO PERSONAL DATA AND WHO THE SCHOOL SHARES IT WITH

For the most part, personal data collected by the School will remain within the School, and will be processed by appropriate individuals (including staff and Governors) only in accordance with access protocols (i.e. on a 'need to know' basis).

Processing by third parties. Some functions are outsourced including finance, accounting, insurance, IT and information security support systems, cloud storage providers, monitoring and mailing. In accordance with Data Protection Law, this type of external data processing is always subject to contractual assurances that personal data will be kept securely and used only in accordance with the School's specific directions.

Data sharing. Occasionally, the School will need to share personal information relating to the School Community with third parties, such as:

- the Friends of Dulwich Prep London;
- the Alumni Association;
- appropriate contractors, such as caterers, visiting music teachers or trip organisers;
- professional advisers (e.g. lawyers, insurers, PR advisers and accountants);
- examination boards;
- Stage 3 Complaints Panels or Disciplinary or Grievance Appeal Meetings, which will include independent panel members;
- third parties and their advisers in the event of a possible or actual sale, merger or other restructuring of the School; and
- Government authorities (e.g. HMRC, DfE, CAFCASS, Home Office, police or a relevant public health / NHS body, teaching regulation agency, and/or local authority) and/or appropriate regulatory bodies (including the Independent Schools Inspectorate and the Charity Commission).

9. ACCESS TO SENSITIVE (SPECIAL CATEGORY) DATA

Particularly strict rules of access apply in the context of “special category” data. While the School adheres to all these rules, the most frequent cases occur in the processing of:

- medical records; and
- pastoral or safeguarding files.

Medical data. The School needs to process such information to comply with statutory duties and to keep pupils and others safe, but the School will ensure only authorised staff can access information on a need-to-know basis. This may include wider dissemination if needed for school trips or for catering purposes. Express consent will be sought where appropriate.

However, a certain amount of any SEND pupil’s relevant information will need to be provided to staff more widely in the context of providing the necessary care and education that the pupil requires.

Safeguarding data. Staff, pupils and parents are reminded that the School is under duties imposed by law and statutory guidance (including Keeping Children Safe in Education or “KCSIE”) to record or report incidents and concerns that arise or are reported to it, in some cases regardless of whether they are proven, if they meet a certain threshold of seriousness in their nature or regularity. This is likely to include file notes on personnel or safeguarding files, low-level concerns records kept about adults and in some cases referrals to relevant authorities such as the local authority designated officer or police.

KCSIE also requires that, whenever a child leaves the School to join another school or college, his or her child protection file is promptly provided to the new organisation. The School will retain a copy in accordance with its retention policy for material related to safeguarding matters.

For further information about this, please view the School's Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy.

10. HOW LONG WE KEEP PERSONAL DATA

The School will retain personal data securely and only in line with how long it is necessary to keep for a legitimate and lawful reason. Typically, the legal recommendation for how long to keep ordinary staff and pupil personnel files is up to 7 years following departure from the School. However, incident reports and safeguarding files will need to be kept much longer, in accordance with specific legal requirements.

If you have any specific queries about how our retention policy is applied, or wish to request that personal data that you no longer believe to be relevant is considered for erasure, please contact the Data Protection Office at dataprotection@dulwichpreplondon.org. However, please bear in mind that the School will often have lawful and necessary reasons to hold on to some personal data even following such a request. A limited and reasonable amount of information will be kept for archiving purposes, for example; and even where you have requested we no longer keep in touch with you, we will need to keep a record of the fact in order to fulfil your wishes (called a "suppression record").

11. KEEPING IN TOUCH AND SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

The School will use the contact details of members of the School Community to keep them updated about the activities of the School, or alumni and parent events of interest, including by sending updates and newsletters, by email and by post. Unless the relevant individual objects, the School will also:

- share personal data about parents and/or alumni, as appropriate, with organisations set up to help establish and maintain relationships with the School community, such as the Friends of Dulwich Prep London and the Alumni Association;
- contact parents and/or alumni (including via the organisations above) by post and email in order to promote and raise funds for the School and, where appropriate, other worthy causes; and
- collect information from publicly available sources about parents' and former pupils' occupation and activities, in order to maximise the School's fundraising potential.

Should you wish to limit or object to any such use, or would like further information about them, please contact the Data Protection Office at dataprotection@dulwichpreplondon.org. You always have the right to withdraw consent, where given, or otherwise object to direct marketing or fundraising. However, the School is nonetheless likely to retain some of your details (not least to ensure that no more communications are sent to that particular address, email or telephone number).

12. YOUR RIGHTS

Individuals (pupils, parents and staff) have various rights under Data Protection Law to access and understand their own personal data held and processed by the School, and in some cases ask for it to be erased or amended, or to have it transferred elsewhere, or for the School to stop processing it – but subject to certain exemptions and limitations.

The School will endeavour to respond to any such written requests as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within statutory time-limits (which is generally one month, but actually fulfilling more complex or multiple requests, e.g. those involving third party information, may take 1-2 months longer).

- Rights of access, etc.

The School will be better able to respond quickly to smaller, targeted requests for information made during term time. If the request for information is manifestly excessive or similar to previous requests, the School may ask you to reconsider, or require a reasonable fee for the administrative costs of complying with the request (but only where Data Protection Law allows it and in accordance with relevant regulatory guidance).

If you consider that the personal data we hold on you is inaccurate, please let us know. However, the School will not necessarily delete or amend views, opinions, notes or records purely on the request of an individual who disputes the account, although we may keep a record of all parties' viewpoints.

- Requests that cannot be fulfilled

You should be aware that GDPR rights (including the right of access) are limited to your own personal data, and certain data is exempt. This will include information which identifies other individuals (and parents need to be aware this may include their own children, in certain limited situations – please see further below), or information which is subject to legal privilege (for example legal advice given to or sought by the School, or documents prepared in connection with a legal action, or where a duty of confidence is owed by a legal adviser).

The School is also not required to disclose any pupil examination scripts (or other information consisting solely of pupil test answers, potentially including in mock exam scripts or other types of exams / tests used to assess performance – although markers' comments may still be disclosable if they constitute pupil personal data). The School is not required to share any confidential reference given or held by the School that was (or will be) given for the purposes of the education (including admission to a school), training, appointment or employment of any individual.

You may have heard of the "right to be forgotten". However, we will sometimes have compelling reasons to refuse specific requests to amend, delete or stop processing your (or your child's) personal data: for example, a legal requirement, or where it falls within a proportionate legitimate interest

identified in this Privacy Notice. Generally, if the School still considers the processing of the personal data to be reasonably necessary, it is entitled to continue. All such requests will be considered on their own merits.

- Requests by or on behalf of pupils

Pupils can make subject access requests for their own personal data, provided that, in the reasonable opinion of the School, they have sufficient maturity to understand the request they are making (see section **Whose rights?** below). A pupil of any age may ask a parent or other representative to make a subject access request on his/her behalf.

Indeed, while a person with parental responsibility will generally be entitled to make a subject access request on behalf of younger pupils, the law still considers the information in question to be the child's. For older pupils, the parent making the request may need to evidence their child's authority for the specific request. Requests not considered in the child's best interests may sometimes be refused.

Pupils aged 13 and above are generally assumed to have this level of maturity, although this will depend on both the child and the personal data requested, including any relevant circumstances at home. Slightly younger children may however be sufficiently mature to have a say in this decision, depending on the child and the circumstances.

- Parental requests

It should be clearly understood that the rules on subject access are not the sole basis on which information requests are handled. Parents may not have a statutory right to information, but they and others will often have a legitimate interest or expectation in receiving certain information about pupils without their consent. The School may consider there are lawful grounds for sharing with or without reference to that pupil.

Parents will in general receive educational and pastoral updates about their children, in accordance with the Contract for Educational Services. Where parents are separated, the School will in most cases aim to provide the same information to each person with parental responsibility, but may need to factor in all the circumstances including the express wishes of the child, court orders, or pastoral issues.

All information requests from, on behalf of, or concerning pupils – whether made under subject access or simply as an incidental request – will therefore be considered on a case by case basis.

- Consent

Where the School is relying on consent as a means to process personal data, any person may withdraw this consent at any time (subject to similar age considerations as above). For example, we

rely on consent for certain types of uses of images. Please be aware however that the School may not be relying on consent but have another lawful reason to process the personal data in question even without your consent.

That reason will usually have been asserted under this Privacy Notice, or may otherwise exist under some form of contract or agreement with the individual (e.g. an employment contract or the Contract for Educational Services or because a purchase of goods, services or membership of an organisation such as an alumni or parents' association has been requested).

- Whose rights?

The rights under Data Protection Law belong to the individual to whom the data relates. However, the School will often rely on parental authority or notice for the necessary ways it processes personal data relating to pupils – for example, under the Contract for Educational Services, or via a form. Parents and pupils should be aware that this is not necessarily the same as the School relying on strict consent (see section on Consent above).

Where consent is required, it may in some cases be necessary or appropriate – given the nature of the processing in question, and the pupil's age and understanding – to seek the pupil's consent, either alongside or in place of parental consent. Parents should be aware that in such situations they may not be consulted, depending on the interests of the child, the parents' rights at law or under their contract, and all the circumstances.

In general, the School will assume that pupils' consent is not required for ordinary disclosure of their personal data to their parents, e.g. for the purposes of keeping parents informed about the pupil's activities, progress and behaviour, and in the interests of the pupil's welfare. That is unless, in the School's opinion, there is a good reason to do otherwise.

However, where a pupil seeks to raise concerns confidentially with a member of staff and expressly withdraws their agreement to their personal data being disclosed to their parents, the School may be under an obligation to maintain confidentiality unless, in the School's opinion, there is a good reason to do otherwise; for example where the School believes disclosure will be in the best interests of the pupil or other pupils, or if required by law.

Pupils are required to respect the personal data and privacy of others, and to comply with the School's Acceptable Use and Screen Time Policy and Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions Policy.

13. DATA ACCURACY AND SECURITY

The School will endeavour to ensure that all personal data held in relation to an individual is as up to date and accurate as possible. Individuals must please notify the relevant Section Secretary, the

Admissions Office, HR or the Alumni Association, as applicable, of any significant changes to important information, such as contact details, held about them.

An individual has the right to request that any out-of-date, irrelevant or inaccurate information about them is erased or corrected (subject to certain exemptions and limitations under Data Protection Law): please see above for details of why the School may need to process your data, or who you may contact if you disagree.

The School will take appropriate technical and organisational steps to ensure the security of personal data about individuals, including policies around use of technology and devices, and access to school systems. All staff and Governors will be made aware of this policy and their duties under Data Protection Law and receive relevant training.

THIS POLICY

The School will update this Privacy Notice from time to time. Any substantial changes that affect your rights will be provided to you directly as far as is reasonably practicable.

QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

Any comments or queries on this policy should be directed to the Data Protection Office at dataprotection@dulwichprelondon.org.

If an individual believes that the School has not complied with this policy or acted otherwise than in accordance with Data Protection Law, they should use the School Complaints procedure and should also notify the Data Protection Office at dataprotection@dulwichprelondon.org. You can also make a referral to or lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), although the ICO recommends that steps are taken to resolve the matter with the School before involving the regulator.