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Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils

GARDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

Garden House School is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (**UK GDPR**), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.

Following Brexit, Regulation (EU) 2016/679, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is retained EU law and known as UK GDPR. The UK GDPR sits alongside an amended version of the Data Protection Act 2018 that relate to general personal data processing, powers of the Information Commissioner and sanctions and enforcement. The GDPR as it continues to apply in the EU is known as EU GDPR.

Who Collects This Information

Garden House School is a “data controller”. This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about pupils and parents.

The Categories of Pupil Information That We Collect, Process, Hold and Share

We may collect, store and use the following categories of personal information about you or your children: -

- Personal information such as name, pupil number, date of birth, gender and contact information;
- Emergency contact and information such as names, relationship, phone numbers and email addresses;
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth);
- Attendance details (such as sessions attended, number of absences and reasons for absence);
- Financial details;
- Performance and assessment information;
- Behavioural information (including exclusions);
- Special educational needs information;
- Relevant medical information;
- Images of pupils engaging in school activities, and images captured by the School’s CCTV system;
- Recordings from the School’s on-line teaching and video conferencing platforms;
- Information about the use of our IT, communications and other systems, and other monitoring information.
- Note that Garden House School does not hold or track biometric data of pupils or parents.

Collecting This Information

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

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes.

How We Use Your Personal Information

We hold pupil data and use it for: -

- Pupil selection (and to confirm the identity of prospective pupils and their parents);
- Providing education services and extra-curricular activities to pupils, and monitoring pupils' progress and educational needs;
- Informing decisions relevant to the education of the children at this school;
- Assessing performance and to set targets;
- Safeguarding pupils' welfare and providing appropriate pastoral (and where necessary medical) care;
- Support teaching and learning;
- Producing references for pupils, and to provide reports to future schools;
- Managing internal policy and procedure;
- Enabling pupils to take part in assessments, to publish the results of examinations and to record pupil achievements;
- To carry out statistical analysis;
- Legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection and health and safety) and to comply with legal obligations and duties of care;
- Enabling relevant authorities to monitor the school's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- Monitoring use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's IT security policy;
- Making use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the school website and on social media channels;
- Security purposes, including CCTV;
- Where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school's purposes, including to obtain appropriate professional advice and insurance for the school; and,
- To provide support to pupils after they leave the school.

The Lawful Basis on Which We Use This Information

We will only use your information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your information in the following circumstances: -

- Consent: the individual has given clear consent to process their personal data for a specific purpose;
- Contract: the processing is necessary to fulfil our duties to you and your children;
- Legal obligation: the processing is necessary to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations);
- Vital interests: the processing is necessary to protect someone's life;
- Public task: the processing is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.

We need all the categories of information in the list above primarily to allow us to comply with legal obligations. Please note that we may process information without knowledge or consent, where this is required or permitted by law.

Sharing Data

We may need to share your data with third parties where it is necessary. There are strict controls on who can see your information. We will not share your data if you have advised us that you do not want it shared unless it's the only way we can make sure your child stays safe and healthy or we are legally required to do so.

We share pupil information with: -

- the Department for Education (**DfE**) - on a statutory basis under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013;
- ISI or Ofsted;
- Other Schools that pupils have attended/will/might attend;
- NHS;
- Welfare services (such as social services);
- Law enforcement officials such as police, HMRC;
- Local Authority Designated Officer;
- Professional advisors such as lawyers and consultants;
- Providers of learning software used by the School;
- Support services (including insurance, IT support, information security); and,
- The Local Authority.

Information will be provided to those agencies securely and, where possible, anonymised.

The recipient of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations, we require them to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

Where necessary (for example when a child is transferring to a school abroad), we may transfer your personal information outside the UK. If we do, you can expect a similar degree of protection in respect of your personal information.

Why We Share This Information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless otherwise required by law.

For example, we share student's data with the DfE on a statutory basis. To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the DfE please go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

Storing Pupil Data

The school keeps information about pupils on computer systems and sometimes on paper.

Except as required by law, the School only retains information about pupils for as long as necessary in accordance with our internal policy.

If you require further information about our Data Retention Policy, please contact the School.

Security

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information (i.e. against it being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way).

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the DfE 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 DfE. 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 DfE 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 DfE 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>

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.

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 purposes 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 want to exercise any of the above rights, please contact the school. We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

Right to Withdraw Consent

In circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact the school. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information unless we have a legitimate basis for doing so in law.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything within this privacy notice or have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data please contact the School in the first instance.

We have appointed a data protection officer (**DPO**) to oversee compliance with data protection and this privacy notice. If you have any questions about how we handle your personal information which cannot be resolved by the School, then you can contact the DPO using the details below: -

Data Protection Officer: Judicium Consulting Ltd
Address: 5th Floor, 98 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8WB
Data Protection Officer Email: dataservices@judicium.com
Data Protection Officer Telephone: 0345 548 7000 (Option 1, then 1)

Should you remain dissatisfied with our response after pursuing your rights under this policy, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues.

Changes to This Privacy Notice

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

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