



PRIVACY NOTICE

Data Protection Act 1998



For Pupils and the Early Years settings at *Sheerness West Federation*

We, **Sheerness West Federation School**, are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you and may receive information about you from your previous school, Kent County Council (KCC) and the Learning Records Service.

We hold this personal data and use it to:

- Support your teaching and learning;
- Monitor and report on your progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care;
- Assess how well your school is doing.

This information includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group, any special educational needs and relevant medical information.

We will not give information about you to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to.

We are required by law to pass some information about you to our Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education. If you wish to receive a copy of the information about your child that we hold or share, please contact the School Office.

DFE may also share pupil level personal data that we supply them with, with third parties. This will only take place where legislation allows it to do so and it is in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Decisions on whether DfE releases this personal data to third parties are subject to a robust approval process and are based on a detailed assessment of who is requesting data, the purposes 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 level data, requestors must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.



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Sheerness West Federation School keep information about you on computer systems and also sometimes on paper.

We hold your education records securely until you change school. Your records will then be transferred to your new school, where they will be retained until you reach the age of 25, after which they are safely destroyed.

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 is the only way we can make sure you stay safe and healthy or we are legally required to do so.

For more information on how this sharing process works, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-pupil-database-apply-for-a-data-extract>

For information on which third party organisations (and for which project) pupil level data has been provided to, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

If you need more information about how our local authority and/or DfE collect and use your information, please visit:

- our local authority at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/contact-us/access-to-information/your-personal-information>; or
- the DfE website at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

<p>If you cannot access these websites, please contact the LA or DfE as follows:</p> <p>Information Resilience & Transparency Team Room 2.71 Sessions House Maidstone Kent ME14 1XQ Email: dataprotection@kent.gov.uk</p>	<p>Ministerial and Public Communications Division Department for Education Piccadilly Gate Store Street Manchester M1 2WD Email: http://www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus Telephone: 0370 000 2288 Website: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education</p>
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