

Privacy Notice

We, Vandyke Upper School, are the data controller for the purposes of data protection law. Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them.

The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about students includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Student and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in school

We may also hold data about students that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education.

Why we use this data

The school holds this personal data and uses it to:

- Support our students' teaching and learning
- Monitor and report on their progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect student welfare
- As evidence in disciplinary cases, including at student governor discipline hearings
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research
- 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:

- comply with a legal obligation
- perform an official task in the public interest
- 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Where we have obtained consent to use students' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent and explain how consent can be withdrawn.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

While the majority of the information we collect about students is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we will make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

How we store this data

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 as detailed in the [Information and Records Management Society's toolkit for schools](#)

Data sharing

We do not share information about students with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with the data protection law) we may share personal information about our students with:

- The Local Authority
- The Department for Education
- The student's family and representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator, e.g. Ofsted
- Suppliers and service providers to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- Central and local government
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Financial organisations and auditors
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Professional bodies

National Pupil Database (NPD)

We are required to provide information about students to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the National Pupil Database (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources, including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

The Department for Education may share information from the NPD with other organisations which promote children's education or wellbeing in England. Such organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use the data.

For more information, see the Department's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#). You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) with any further questions about the NPD.

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the United Kingdom we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Parents and students' rights regarding personal data

Individuals have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them. Full details of this process and further information can be found in the school's GDPR policy, which can be provided on request. Please contact the school office for details.

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

Parents also have the right to make a subject access request with respect to any personal data the school holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you or your child, we will:

- give you a description of it
- tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- explain where we got it from, if not from you or your child
- tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this
- give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances. If you would like to make a request, please contact our data protection officer.

Other rights

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent it being used to send direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer via office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office online www.ico.org.uk

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 via the school office:

office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk