



Privacy Notice (How we use personal information) Pupils and Parents

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School is the data controller of the personal information you provide to us. This means the school determines the purposes for which, and the manner in which, any personal data relating to students and their families is to be processed. Mrs Sharron Hutchinson, Assistant Headteacher, acts as a representative for the school with regard to its data controller responsibilities; she can be contacted by phone on 01524 581661 or by email to s.hutchinson@lggs.lancs.sch.uk.

In some cases, your data will be outsourced to a third-party processor; however, this will only be done with your consent, unless the law requires the school to share your data. Where the school outsources data to a third-party processor, the same data protection standards that LGGS upholds are imposed on the processor.

Mrs Jane Mason, School Business Manager, is the Data Protection Officer. Her role is to oversee and monitor the school's Data Protection Procedures, and to ensure they are compliant with the GDPR. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted on dpo@lggs.lancs.sch.uk

Why do we collect and use your information?

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School holds the legal right to collect and use personal data relating to students and their families, and we may also receive information regarding them from their previous school, Local Authority and/or the Department for Education. We collect and use personal data in order to meet legal requirements and legitimate interests set out in the GDPR and UK law, including those in relation to the following:

- Article 6 and Article 9 of the GDPR

Article 6

1. *Processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that at least one of the following applies:*

(c) Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;

Article 9

1. *Processing of personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation shall be prohibited.*

2. *Paragraph 1 shall not apply if one of the following applies:*

(j) Processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

- The Education Act 1996 - Section 537A – states that we provide individual student information as the relevant body such as the Department for Education.

- The Education (Information about Individual Students) (England) Regulations 2013 - Regulation 5 *'Provision of information by non-maintained special schools and Academies to the Secretary of State' states 'Within fourteen days of receiving a request from the Secretary of State, the proprietor of a non-maintained special school or an Academy (shall provide to the Secretary of State such of the information referred to in Schedule 1 and (where the request stipulates) in respect of such categories of students, or former students, as is so requested.'*

The Children's Act 1989 – Section 83 – places a duty on the Secretary of State or others to conduct research.

In accordance with the above, the personal data of students and their families is collected and used for the following reasons:

- to support student learning
- to monitor and report on student progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to safeguard students

The categories of student information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique student number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment information
- Medical information
- Information relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Details of any behaviour issues and exclusions
- Photographs – these will be used to aid our records management and attendance procedures
- CCTV

Collecting student information

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

Storing student data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please see our Data Retention Policy on our website

Sharing data

We routinely share student information with the following organisations :

- schools that the students attend after leaving us - to help transition
- our Local Authority - to meet our legal obligations to share information
- the Department for Education (DfE) - to meet our legal obligations to share information
- NHS / school nurse - to protect an individual's interests
- Lancashire County Commercial Services catering staff via our computerised lunch card system - to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- ParentPay, our payment and communication system - to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- Our contracted school photographer for the purposes of providing an image for school records
- Other suppliers and service providers to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- Examining bodies - to fulfil our duties as an educational establishment

Why we share student information

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

We share students' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our students with the DfE under regulation 5 of The Education (Information about Individual Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

Data collection requirements:

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (for example; via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

Youth support services

Students aged 13+

Once our students reach the age of 13, we also pass student information to our local authority and/or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers

A parent or guardian can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / student once he/she reaches the age 16.

Students aged 16+

We will also share certain information about students aged 16+ with our local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about students in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department. 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 students 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 Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our students 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 Department 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 student 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 student information, (and for which project), please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-requests-received>

To contact the DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and students have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact our data protection officer at dpo@lggs.lancs.sch.uk.

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 purpose 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 have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

Mrs Jane Mason, Data Protection Officer, dpo@lggs.lancs.sch.uk