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Introduction

Beaumont School is required by law to collect and process personal data relating to all of its pupils. This privacy notice provides you with information about how we collect and process personal data of our pupils in accordance with UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

It is important that you read this notice, together with any other privacy notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal information about you, so that you are aware of how and why we are using such information.

This notice is taken from the HFL guidance updated March 2023. Please note this document may need to be amended as the ICO issues updated guidance on the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

How we use student information

Beaumont School collects and holds data and information about our students so that we can run effectively as a school. This privacy notice explains how and why we collect students' data, what we do with it and what rights parents and students have.

Beaumont School is a Single Academy Trust and is the Data Controller for all data and information held by the school. This means the school determines the purpose for which and the manner in which any personal data relating to students and their families is to be processed.

Beaumont School has appointed Mrs Austin as the Data Protection Officer (DPO) and she can be contacted via the main school telephone number 01727 854726, or by email at DPO@beaumont.school.


Why do we collect and use student information?

We collect and use pupil information under section 537QA of the Education Act 1996, section 83 of the Children Act 1989, and to carry out tasks in the public interest. If we need to collect special category (sensitive) personal; information, we rely upon reasons of substantial public interest (equality of opportunity or treatment).

We collect and use student information under the following lawful bases under UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR):

- a. where we have the consent of the data subject (Article 6 (a));
- b. where it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation (Article 6 (c));
- c. where processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or another person (Article 6(d));
- d. where it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller (Article 6 (e)).
- e. where processing is necessary for our legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party [Article 6 (f)].

Where the personal data we collect about students is sensitive (i.e. special category) personal data, we will only process it where:

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- a. we have explicit consent [Article 9 (2)(a)];
- b. processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent [Article 9 (2)(c); and / or
- c. processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, and is authorised by UK law (see section 10 of the 2018 Data Protection Act) [Article 9 (2)(g)].

Please see our Data Protection Policy for a definition of sensitive personal data.


We use the student data to support our statutory functions of running a school, in particular:

- a. to liaise with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) regarding school admissions;
- b. to support student learning;
- c. to monitor and report on student progress;
- d. to provide appropriate pastoral care;
- e. to assess the quality of our services;
- f. to comply with the law regarding data sharing;
- g. for the protection and welfare of students and others in the school;
- h. for the safe and orderly running of the school;
- i. to promote the school;
- j. to communicate with parents / carers.

The categories of student information that we collect, hold and share include, but is not limited to:

- a. Personal information (such as name, unique student number and address);
- b. Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility);
- c. Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons);
- d. Assessment information such as their current pupil progress, their predicted progress and where appropriate data relating to any assessments, tests or exams they have undertaken;
- e. Relevant medical information including any conditions or allergies your child may have, the need for epi-pens/medication, emergency contact and doctor's details;
- f. Special educational needs information. This includes information about any particular needs that your child has, any funding that is received specifically for your child, statements of individual need and health care plans;
- g. Behavioural information, which may include information about your child's general classroom behaviour including any awards gained, together with any detentions fixed-term or permanent exclusions they have received;
- h. Pastoral and safeguarding information, including notes on any home visits undertaken;
- i. Post 16 learning information.

From time to time and in certain circumstances, we might also process personal data about students,

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some of which might be sensitive personal data, including information about criminal proceedings/convictions, information about sex life and sexual orientation, child protection/safeguarding. This information is not routinely collected about students and is only likely to be processed by the school in specific circumstances relating to particular students, for example, if a child protection issue arises or if a student is involved in a criminal matter. Where appropriate, such information may be shared with external agencies such as the child protection team at the Local Authority, the Local Authority Designated Officer and/or the Police. Such information will only be processed to the extent that it is lawful to do so and appropriate measures will be taken to keep the data secure.

We collect information about students when they join the school and update it during their time on roll as and when new information is acquired.

As the school has a cashless catering system, we also process biometric data about students. Please see our Data Protection Policy for more details about how we process biometric data.

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 UK GDPR, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain student information to us or if you have a choice in this. Where appropriate, we will ask parents / students for consent to process personal data where there is no other lawful basis for processing it, for example where we wish to use photos or images of students on our website or on social media to promote school activities or if we want to ask your permission to use your information for marketing purposes. Parents/students may withdraw consent at any time. When consent is required for students to activate accounts for the purpose of online learning platforms for educational purposes only consent can be given by Beaumont for this. A list of learning platforms the school uses can be requested.


When students are deemed to be old enough to make their own decisions in relation to their personal data, we will also ask the student for their consent in these circumstances. This will usually be around the age of 13. Although parental consent is unlikely to be needed, we wish to take a collaborative approach so we will keep parents informed when we are approaching students for consent. Students with the maturity to make their own decisions about their personal data may withdraw consent if consent has previously been given.

In addition, the School uses CCTV cameras around the school site for security purposes and for the protection of staff and students. CCTV footage may be referred to during the course of disciplinary procedures (for staff or students) or to investigate other issues. CCTV footage involving students will only be processed to the extent that it is lawful to do so. Please see our CCTV policy for more details.

Storing student data

We hold student data securely and have appropriate security measures in place to prevent personal information from being accidentally lost, or used or accessed in an unauthorised way. Access to information is limited to those who have a business need to know it and who are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

A significant amount of personal data is stored electronically, for example, on the school's management information system (MIS) Bromcom. Some information may also be stored in hard copy format.

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Data stored electronically may be stored on a secure cloud based system provided by external organisations acting in the role of data processors.

Personal data may be transferred to other countries if, for example, we are arranging a school trip to a different country. Appropriate steps will be taken to keep the data secure.

We also have procedures in place to deal with any suspected data security breach. We will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected data breach involving your data where we are legally required to do so.

When a student moves to another educational setting or school phase, the vast majority of information that we hold will move to that setting, although we may need to retain a certain amount of personal data as laid out in our Records Management Policy and Retention Schedule.

Where we act as the final setting in a student's education, we are required to retain some personal information for a period after they have left. Typically that information will be retained until they reach the age of 25, after which it will be securely destroyed. There may be reasons for retaining data longer than this, which are laid out in our Records Management Policy and Retention Schedule Policy.


Who do we share student information with?

We routinely share student information with:

- any school that a student attends after leaving us;
- our local authority, Hertfordshire County Council;
- a student's home local authority (if different to above);
- commissioned providers of services, e.g. Herts for Learning Ltd and Vista,;
- the Department for Education (DfE);
- school trustees e.g. when they are dealing with exclusions and complaints;
- exam boards;
- Sandringham School and Verulam School (only for sixth form students who study at one of those schools as part of our Consortium arrangements)

From time to time, we may also share student information with other third parties including, but not limited to, the following:

- the Police and law enforcement agencies;
- NHS health professionals including the school nurse, educational psychologists,
- Education Welfare Officers;
- Courts, if ordered to do so;
- the National College for Teaching and Learning;
- the Joint Council for Qualifications;

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- Prevent teams in accordance with the Prevent Duty on schools;
- other schools, for example, if we are negotiating a managed move and we have your consent to share information in these circumstances;
- our HR providers, for example, if we are seeking HR advice and a student is involved in an issue;
- UCAS;
- our legal advisors;
- the DfE’s Risk Protection Arrangement provider;
- tour operators and travel companies when a student participates in a school trip (specific details will be given in the trip paperwork);
- Van Cols Ltd in their role as school photographer.

Some of the above organisations may also be Data Controllers in their own right in which case we will be joint controllers of your personal data and may be jointly liable in the event of any data breaches.

We may also share student data with a number of software providers which may be used to: support student learning ; monitor and report on pupil attainment and progress; deliver the educational curriculum; ensure the safety and wellbeing of pupils; communicate with parents; or to carry out other operational processes to support our core activities as a public authority under Article 6(e) of UK GDPR. A full list of these providers is available on request. These providers act as data processors on our behalf and are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies. We do not allow them to use your personal data for their own purposes and we only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

In the event that we share personal data about students with third parties or data processors, we will provide the minimum amount of personal data necessary to fulfil the purpose for which we are required to share the data. Where necessary, we will carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to assess any risks involved.


Aged 14+ qualifications

For students enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the information you supply is used by the Learning Records Service (LRS). The LRS issues Unique Learner Numbers (ULN) and creates Personal Learning records across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and is operated by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), an executive agency of the DfE. The LRS will give us a student’s ULN and may also give us details about the student’s learning or qualifications. For more information about how your information is processed and to access your Personal Learning Record, please refer to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lrs-privacy-notice/lrs-privacy-notice#tier-2-privacy-notice-text>

Why we share student information

We do not share information about our students with anyone without consent unless the law allows

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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/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 student once they reach 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

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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. 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 student information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to:
<https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

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

Requesting access to your personal data

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Under data protection legislation, students, and in some circumstances, parents, have the right to request access to information about them that we hold (“Subject Access Request”). From the age of 13, we generally regard students as having the capacity to exercise their own rights in relation to their personal data. This means that where we consider a student to have sufficient maturity to understand their own rights, we will require a Subject Access Request to be made by the student and not their parent(s) on their behalf. This does not affect any separate statutory right parents might have to access information about their child.

Subject to the section below, the legal timescales for the School to respond to a Subject Access Request is one calendar month. As the School has limited staff resources outside of term time, we encourage parents / students to submit Subject Access Requests during term time and to avoid sending a request during periods when the School is closed or is about to close for the holidays where possible. This will assist us in responding to your request as promptly as possible. For further information about how we handle Subject Access Requests, please see our Data Protection Policy.

Parents of students who attend academies have a separate statutory right to receive an annual written report setting out their child’s attainment for the main subject areas which are taught. This is an independent legal right of parents, rather than a student’s own legal right, which falls outside of UK GDPR. Therefore a student’s consent is not required, even if a student is able to make their own decisions in relation to their personal data, unless a court order is in place which states otherwise.

The term “parent” is widely defined in education law to include the natural or adoptive parents (regardless of whether parents are or were married, whether a father is named on a birth certificate or has parental responsibility for the student, with whom the student lives or whether the student has contact with that parent), and also includes non-parents who have parental responsibility for the student, or with whom the student lives. It is therefore possible for a student to have several “parents” for the purposes of education law.


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 our data protection responsibilities.

We will always seek to comply with any requests regarding your rights, however please note that we may still be required to hold or use your information to comply with legal duties.

For further information about your rights, including the circumstances in which they apply, see the [guidance](#) from the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) on individuals’ rights under the UK GDPR.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

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Contact

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the DPO using the contact details provided on Page 1.

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.