

# XII Apostles RCPS

## Privacy Notice – Children/Parents/Carers



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# **Privacy Notice – Pupils/Parents/Carers**

## **How we use your information**

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing ‘privacy notices’ (sometimes called ‘fair processing notices’) to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how **Twelve Apostles RC Primary school** collect, stores and uses personal data about **children’s** and **parents/carers**.

**Twelve Apostles RC Primary school**, are the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of data protection law.

The data protection officer for **Twelve Apostles RC Primary school** is Nick Holden Msyl, Senior DPO and Kevin Doherty, Deputy DPO ([kevin@nexus-global.co.uk](mailto:kevin@nexus-global.co.uk)) of NexusProtect.

### **The personal data we hold:**

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

- Personal information such as name, student number, date of birth, gender and contact information
- Emergency contact and family lifestyle information such as names, relationships, phone numbers and emails as well as contact preferences,
- Identification documents
- Results of student internal assessments and externally set tests
- Pupil and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, EAL, nationality, language, county of birth, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- Student behavioural information including exclusions.
- Details of any student medical conditions, including physical, mental health and special educational needs and disabilities
- Student attendance information such as sessions attended, number of absences and reasons for absence.
- Parental financial details such as proof of earnings when applying for free school meals
- Destination of pupils after they have left us
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs

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

### **Why we use this data:**

We use this data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Inform decisions such as the funding of schools.
- Enable pupils to take part in assessments & to publish & record the results
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare – safeguarding, health & safety, diversity monitoring
- 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 pupils' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest

Less commonly, we may also process pupils' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' 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 pupils' personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

### **Collecting this information:**

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

In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

### **How we store this data:**

We keep all personal information about pupils secure electronically (via use of password and limited user privileges) and/or it is stored securing in locked filing cabinets/cupboard.

### **How long to do you keep this data:**

We keep personal information about pupils 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. Our Retention Policy sets out how long we keep information about pupils.

A copy of our retention policy can be obtained on request.

**Data sharing:**

We do not share information about pupils with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. We only ever provide the limited information requested. There are strict controls on who can see your information and 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 you stay safe and healthy or we are legally required to do so.

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

<b>The Department for Education</b>
<p>Information shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Information – eg. Names, pupil numbers, addresses, date of birth</li> <li>• Characteristics, such as ethnic background, nationality, language, county of birth, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs</li> <li>• Attendance information</li> <li>• Assessment information</li> <li>• Relevant medical information</li> <li>• Behavioural information e.g. Number of exclusions</li> </ul>
<p>The information is shared to meet our legal obligation as the data underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring. We are required to share information about our pupils with the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.</p>

<p><b>Wigan Local Authority</b></p> <p><b>The NHS</b></p> <p><b>Children’s destinations upon leaving school including the relevant LA</b></p> <p><b>Ofsted</b></p> <p><b>Police forces, courts, tribunals</b></p> <p><b>Our school counsellor</b></p> <p><b>Health authorities</b></p> <p><b>Tess team</b></p> <p><b>Educational Psychology Service</b></p> <p><b>IT provider</b></p> <p><b>Central and local government</b></p> <p><b>Professional education advisers and consultants</b></p> <p><b>Educators and examining bodies &amp; other professional bodies</b></p>
<p>Information shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Information – eg. Names, pupil numbers, addresses, date of birth</li> <li>• Characteristics, such as ethnic background, EAL, nationality, language, county of birth, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs</li> <li>• Attendance information</li> </ul>

- Assessment information
- Relevant medical information
- Behavioural information e.g. Number of exclusions

The information is shared to meet our legal obligations or perform an official task in the public interest or to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

**CPOMS – our safeguarding tool**

**Arbor – children management information system**

**Class Dojo/Arbor - school communication system**

Information recorded on third party software

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

This enables the schools to record all pupil data and assessment data legally required for census and to record safeguarding and behaviour data to protect the individual's vital's interests.

- Professional bodies

**Local Kitchen – Evolve school dinner system**

**Parentpay - Our cashless payment system**

**Arbor – Children's management information system and finance system**

**Class Dojos/Arbor - school communication system**

Information shared:

- Personal Information – eg. Names, pupil numbers, year group, addresses, date of birth
- Parents email details
- Eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- Relevant medical information such as allergies

- The information is shared to perform an official task in the public interest by enabling our suppliers and service providers to provide the service we have contracted them for.

**Evolve - Trip planning software**

**Wigan Authority Music Services**

Information shared:

- Personal Information – eg. Names, year group
- Relevant medical information
- Behavioural information

The information is shared to perform an official task in the public interest or to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests).

**Curriculum related applications – Purple mash, Timetable rockstars, Class Dojo, Sonar insights phonics tracker, Arbor, Reading Cloud, Reading plus**

**Inventry – our signing in and signing out system**

Information shared:

- Personal Information – eg. Names, year group, date of birth,

The information is shared to perform an official task in the public interest so pupils can use educational tools.

**Survey and research organisations**

**Health and social welfare organisations**

**Social Media and the school's website**

**Marketing Literature**

Consent is obtained before any information is shared.

### **National Pupil Database:**

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

The National Pupil Database (NPD) is owned and managed by the Department for Education 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 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 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 department 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 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 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>

### **Transferring data internationally:**

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

### **How We Use Approved Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools**

We use approved and secure AI tools only to support education and administration, not to make final, significant decisions about a pupil.

Internal AI Tools: We may use AI-driven software (vetted and approved by the school) for tasks like:

- Personalising Learning: Suggesting tailored learning resources or generating differentiated quiz questions for teachers.
- Administrative Support: Summarising meeting notes or identifying trends in anonymised school data.

Data Protection Safeguards:

- We **DO NOT** input identifiable, sensitive, or high-risk pupil data into public or open-source AI tools (like free chatbots).
- Any AI used for assessment or support is always subject to human review and oversight by a teacher or senior staff member.
- A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is conducted before any new AI tool is adopted.

If an AI system is used to assist in a decision that significantly affects your child, you will be informed, and you have the right to request a human review of that decision.

### **Parents and pupils' 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.

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 13), 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 **Office Manager or Headteacher**.

Parents/carers also have a legal right to access to their child's **educational record**. To request access, this can be carried out under a "subject access request" by contacting the Data Protection Officer/Mrs Whitton, Headteacher.

### **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 complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

Should you wish to make a complaint regarding how your data is being handled, stored or processed or about anything else covered in this Privacy Notice please contact the **Data Lead in school**, in the first instance.

Any complaint will be acknowledged within 30 days and will be responded to without undue delay.

If you are dissatisfied with the school's response to your complaint, or the way it was handled, then you can complain to the ICO via their website – <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

or their helpline - **0303 123 1113**

**Changes to this Privacy notice:**

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time and we will notify you of the 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.

**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:

- Mr Nick Holden or Mr Kevin Doherty – [kevin@nexus-global.co.uk](mailto:kevin@nexus-global.co.uk)