



Privacy notice for parents and carers – use of your child’s personal data

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1. Introduction

Under UK data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how Forward As One CE MAT 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 we collect, store, and use personal data about **pupils in our schools**.

This privacy notice applies while we believe your child is not capable of understanding and exercising their own data protection rights.

Our trust, Forward As One CE MAT (Newnham Street, Bolton BL1 8QA) is the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of UK data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Mrs. Michelle Ridsdale (see ‘Contact us’ below).

2. The personal data we hold

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

- Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents.
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests.
- Pupil and curricular records.
- Suspension and exclusion information.
- Attendance information.
- Safeguarding and child protection information
- Behaviour information.
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers.

We may also collect, use, store, and share (when appropriate) information about your child that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes, but is not restricted to, information about:

- Any medical conditions we need to be aware of, including physical and mental health.
- Photographs and CCTV images captured in school.

- Characteristics, such as ethnic background or special educational needs.

We may also hold data about your child that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and social services.

3. Why we use this data

We use the data listed above to:

- a) Support pupil learning.
- b) Monitor and report on pupil progress.
- c) Provide appropriate pastoral care.
- d) Protect pupil welfare.
- e) Assess the quality of our services.
- f) Administer admissions waiting lists.
- g) Carry out research.
- h) Comply with the law regarding data sharing.

3.1 Use of your child's personal data for marketing purposes

Where you have given us consent to do so, we may send your child marketing information by email or text promoting school events, campaigns, charitable causes, or services that may be of interest to them.

You can withdraw consent or 'opt out' of receiving these emails and/or texts at any time by clicking on the 'Unsubscribe' link at the bottom of any such communication, or by contacting us (see 'Contact us' below).

3.2 Use of your child's personal data in automated decision making and profiling

We do not currently process any personal data through automated decision making or profiling. If this changes in the future, we will amend any relevant privacy notices to explain the processing to you, including your right to object to it.

4. Our lawful basis for using this data

Our lawful bases for processing your child's personal data for the purposes listed in section 3 above are as follows:

- (a) Consent: the individual has given clear consent for us to process their personal data for a specific purpose.
- (b) Contract: the processing is necessary for a contract you have with the individual, or because they have asked you to take specific steps before entering a contract.
- (c) Legal obligation: the processing is necessary for you to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations).
- (d) Vital interests: the processing is necessary to protect someone's life.
- (e) Public task: the processing is necessary for us to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.
- (f) Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for your legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party, unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests.

Where you have provided us with consent to use your child's data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent and explain how you will go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

4.1 Our basis for using special category data

(a) the data subject has given explicit consent to the processing of those personal data for one or more specified purposes, except where Union or Member State law provide that the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 may not be lifted by the data subject.

(b) processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the controller or of the data subject in the field of employment and social security and social protection law in so far as it is authorised by Union or Member State law or a collective agreement pursuant to Member State law providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

(c) 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.

(d) processing is carried out in the course of its legitimate activities with appropriate safeguards by a foundation, association or any other not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim and on condition that the processing relates solely to the members or to former members of the body or to persons who have regular contact with it in connection with its purposes and that the personal data are not disclosed outside that body without the consent of the data subjects;

(e) processing relates to personal data which are manifestly made public by the data subject.

(f) processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims or whenever courts are acting in their judicial capacity.

(g) processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, 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.

(h) processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services based on Union or Member State law or pursuant to contract with a health professional and subject to the conditions and safeguards referred to in paragraph 3.

(i) processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of health care and of medicinal products or medical devices, on the basis of Union or Member State law which provides for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subject, in particular professional secrecy.

(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.

You also need to be aware that your choice of lawful basis may affect the rights of the data subjects.

As required by [section 10 of the DPA](#), the processing meets the requirement in [point \(b\), \(h\), \(i\) or \(j\) of Article 9\(2\)](#) of the UK GDPR for authorisation by, or a basis in, the law of the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom only if it meets a condition in Part 1 of Schedule 1.

If relying on (b), (h), (i) or (j) of Article 9(2) of the UK GDPR, identify which condition in [DPA 2018 Schedule 1, Part 1](#) is met.

For more information, see [this page](#) on lawful basis for processing on the ICO website and the [Data protection toolkit for schools](#).

5. Collecting this data

While most of the information we collect about your child is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice.

Most of the data we hold about your child will come from you, but we may also hold data about your child from:

- Local authorities
- Government departments or agencies
- Police forces, courts, tribunals

6. How we store this data

We keep personal information about your child while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary. Our record retention schedule/records management policy sets out how long we keep information about pupils.

To request a copy of your record retention schedule/records management policy, please email the DPO – ridsdalem@fa1.uk

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your child's personal information from being accidentally lost, used, or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

We will dispose of your child's personal data securely when we no longer need it.

7. Who we share data with

We do not share information about your child 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 UK data protection law), we may share personal information about your child with:

- Our local authorities Bolton, Bury, Lancashire and Tameside – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and information about suspension and exclusions.
- Government departments or agencies
- Our youth support services provider.
- Our regulator, ESFA, OFSTED
- Suppliers and service providers:
 - Dolce Catering
 - Computeam
 - Arbor
 - NTS

- Financial organisations
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years 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 third parties, such as other organisations which promote children’s education or wellbeing in England. These third parties 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.

7.1 Transferring data internationally

- Other schools or educational establishments
- Government departments or agencies
- Security organisations
- App or cloud server providers

Where we transfer your child’s personal data to a third-party country or territory, we will do so in accordance with UK data protection law.

In cases where we must set up safeguarding arrangements to complete this transfer, you can get a copy of these arrangements by contacting us.

8. Your rights

8.1 How to access personal information that we hold about your child

You have a right to make a ‘subject access request’ to gain access to personal information that we hold about your child.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about your child, we will (subject to any exemptions that apply):

- 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
- 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.

You may also have the right for your child's personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

8.2 Your right to access your child's educational record

Parents, or those with parental responsibility, also have the right to access their child's educational record (which includes most information about a pupil). This right applies if the pupil is aged under 18.

There are certain circumstances in which this right can be denied, such as if releasing the information might cause serious harm to the physical or mental health of the pupil or another individual, or if it would mean releasing exam marks before they are officially announced.

To make a request, please contact the school's Admin Officer – refer to individual school website details.

8.3 Your other rights regarding your child's data

Under UK data protection law, you have certain rights regarding how your child's personal data is used and kept safe. For example, you have the right to:

- Object to our use of your child's personal data
- Prevent your child's data being used to send direct marketing.
- Object to and challenge the use of your child's personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected.
- In certain circumstances, have the personal data we hold about your child deleted or destroyed, or restrict its processing.
- Withdraw your consent, where you previously provided it for the collection, processing, and transfer of your child's personal data for a specific purpose.
- In certain circumstances, be notified of a data breach.
- Make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

9. 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.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>
- Call 0303 123 1113

➤ Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

10. 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**:

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