

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Privacy Notice for Pupils and Parents

This Privacy Notice explains how we collect, store and use your personal data.

For the purposes of Data Protection legislation, Southend High School for Boys is the Data Controller and responsible for the personal data collected about you.

Personal data is information about you from which you can be identified.

The categories of your information that we process are:

- personal identifiers, contacts and characteristics (such as name, unique pupil number, passport details and/or birth certificate details, contact details and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal and Sixth Form bursary eligibility)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- assessment and attainment (such as primary school data, exam grades, post-16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- destination information (such as university attended, apprenticeship undertaken, or transfer to a new school)
- images (for example on social media, displays in school and group photographs available on sale to parents of that group)
- CCTV for security (please see CCTV Policy)
- school journey information (such as bus company and route)
- telephone calls (retained for 30 days).
- information necessary for the provision of bursaries.

Why we collect and use your information

Collecting personal data is essential in order for the school to fulfil its official functions and meet legal requirements.

We collect and use your information, for the following purposes:

1. as part of the application process
2. to support pupil learning
3. to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
4. to provide appropriate pastoral care
5. to assess the quality of our services
6. to keep children safe (food allergies, school journey information, or emergency contact details)
7. to meet the statutory duties placed upon us

8. for the purposes of monitoring or training.
9. for purposes of exam entry.

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, the lawful bases we rely on for processing your information according to Article 6(1) are:

- **Legal obligation (Article 6 (1) c):** e.g. collecting data for the DfE census
- **Vital interests (Article 6 (1) d):** e.g. keeping children safe
- **Public task (Article 6 (1) e):** collecting the data needed to perform the tasks required as part of the school's statutory function

In addition, concerning special category data according to Article 9 (2):

- **Social protection law (Article 9 (2) b):** e.g. free school meals qualification
- **Vital interests (Article 9 (2) c):** e.g. keeping children safe
- **Archiving in the public interest (Article 9 (2) j):** e.g. histories of school Houses

Collecting your information

We obtain your information via Registration Forms when you join the school. In addition, when a pupil joins us from another school we are sent a secure file from that school containing relevant information. Once a year, you will be asked to check that the information we hold is up to date.

From time to time, we request lists from bus companies of those pupils who travel with them.

Your data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the Data Protection Act we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing your data

We hold your data securely, usually until the pupil reaches the age of 25. If a pupil moves to a new school, their educational record will be transferred to that school.

We archive some information (such as joining and leaving dates, House, exam information, photographs) in the public interest.

Who we share pupil information with

We may share your information with:

1. schools that you attend after leaving this school
2. local authorities
3. youth support services (pupils aged 13+) and other educational establishments
4. the Department for Education (DfE)
5. the school nursing service
6. organisations enabling trips and visits
7. the Old Southendian Association (OSA) (pupils aged 16+ after leaving this school)
8. employers (as part of careers activities)

9. schools that you are applying to
10. exam boards
11. educational technology providers
12. organisations providing educational analysis
13. as required by law

Please note, as part of the operational function of the school, images and student lists, for example, may be visible to visitors.

Why we share your information

We share information about you, in accordance with this Notice, with the following:

1. Schools that you attend after leaving this school

Schools are legally required to forward information about a pupil to their new school. This is usually done via encrypted electronic file transfer.

2. Local Authorities

As part of the co-ordinated admissions scheme, schools are required to share personal data about new admissions with Local Authorities.

3. Youth support services

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil 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
- post-16 education and training providers

The information shared is limited to the child's name, address and date of birth. However, where a pupil provides their consent, other information relevant to the provision of youth support services will be shared.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via a secure file transferring system and is stored within local authority systems.

Some information may be shared with other educational establishments, for example practice Oxbridge interviews offered at other schools in the Sixth Form.

4. Department for Education (DfE)

We are required to share information about our pupils with the Department for Education (DfE), either directly or via our local authority, for the purpose of data collections, under the following Acts and Regulations and their Amendments:

- The Education Act 1996 – Sections 537A, 458 (4) 5, 29 and 434 (1), (3), (4) and (6)
- The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations
- The Education (School Performance Information) (England) Regulations
- The Education (School Information) (England) Regulations

All data is transferred securely and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current government security policy framework. For more information, please see 'How the Government uses your data' section below.

How the Government uses your data

The data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections:

- underpins school funding, which is calculated based upon the numbers of children and their characteristics in each school.
- informs 'short term' education policy monitoring (for example, school GCSE results or Pupil Progress measures).
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy (for example how certain subject choices go on to affect education or earnings beyond school)

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/guidance/complete-the-school-census/statutory-requirement-data-sharing-and-regulations>

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in the National Pupil Database (NPD).

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education (DfE) 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 DfE.

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.

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

Sharing

The law allows the DfE to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools
- local authorities
- researchers
- organisations connected with promoting the education or wellbeing of children in England
- other government departments and agencies
- organisations fighting or identifying crime

For more information about the DfE's NPD data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>.

Organisations fighting or identifying crime may use their legal powers to contact the DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime.

For information about which organisations the DfE has provided pupil information to, (and for which project) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with Home Office and the Police please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

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

5. The School Nursing Service

The school is required to share some personal data with the School Nursing Service in respect of vaccinations carried out by them at the school (mainly Years 7 – 11).

6. Trips and visits organisers

Where external organisations are used to organise trips and visits, we are required to give relevant personal data.

7. The Old Southendian Association (OSA)

When pupils leave the school, the OSA is sent details so that they can keep their records up to date.

8. Employers (as part of careers activities)

Every year we invite employers in to the school to provide interview practice for our pupils.

9. Schools that you are applying to attend

If a current Year 11 pupil applies to other Sixth Forms, the school will receive requests from those Six Forms for references and predicted grades.

10. Exam Boards

We are required to give details to exam boards for entry into exams and for the production of pupils' certificates.

11. Educational technology providers

The school uses a number of online platforms to assist pupils in their learning, such as Seneca, MyMaths and other educational platforms.

12. Organisations providing educational analysis

The school works with organisations that can provide data analytics to assist the school in tracking performance, monitoring pupils' and the school's performance.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under the Data Protection Act, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, you will need to make a Subject Access Request. The request form, and further information, are available on our website under About Us/Policies. Written permission from your child will be required if you wish to make a request for a copy of their educational record.

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

- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts 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/>

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the Office Manager by email: enquiries@shsb.org.uk or the school’s Data Protection Officer: dpo@shsb.org.uk

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