

# Privacy Notice – Secondary School Pupils and Parents Policy – Short Version

Person Responsible: Headteacher

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Quorn Hall School is part of Newcome Education, which is owned and operated by Cavendish Education.

This policy is one of a series of school policies that, taken together, are designed to form a comprehensive statement of the school's aspiration to provide an outstanding education for each of its pupils and of the mechanisms and procedures in place to achieve this. Accordingly, this policy should be read alongside these policies. In particular it should be read in conjunction with the policies covering equality and diversity, Health and Safety, safeguarding and child protection.

All of these policies have been written, not simply to meet statutory and other requirements, but to enable and evidence the work that the whole school is undertaking to ensure the implementation of its core values:

- **'Levelling up'** We want our children to be able to meet appropriate milestones and age related expectations, socially, emotionally and academically.
- **Thrive not survive** We want our children to thrive in school and society, not just survive their adverse childhood experiences.
- **Confidence** Develop confidence in their abilities and self image/esteem as learners and members of society.
- **Creativity** Foster individuality and celebrate differences and create a compassionate and accepting environment. Provide tools that give pupils options, voice, and choice in order to enable them to be creative.
- **Competence** In their ability to self-regulate and interact with different types of people and overcome the challenges and traumas from the past.
- **Character** Develop resilience so they see failures or negative situations as a learning opportunity by implementing a growth mindset approach.
- **Compassion** For pupils and the challenging circumstances they have encountered in both their personal and educational lives.
- Care To overtly demonstrate to pupils that adults do care about them and their futures every day is a fresh start.

While this current policy document may be referred to elsewhere in Quorn Hall School documentation, including particulars of employment, it is non-contractual.

In the school's policies, unless the specific context requires otherwise, the word "parent" is used in terms of Section 576 of the <u>Education Act 1996</u>, which states that a 'parent', in relation to a child or young person, includes any person who is not a biological parent but who has parental responsibility, or who has care of the child. Department for Education guidance <u>Understanding and dealing with issues relating to parental responsibility updated August 2023</u> considers a 'parent' to include:

- all biological parents, whether they are married or not
- any person who, although not a biological parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person - this could be an adoptive parent, a step-parent, guardian or other relative

 any person who, although not a biological parent and does not have parental responsibility, has care of a child or young person

A person typically has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives, either full or part time and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.

The school contracts the services of third-party organisations to ensure regulatory compliance and implement best practices for:

- HR and Employment Law
- Health & Safety Guidance
- DBS Check processing
- Mandatory Safeguarding, Health & Safety, and other relevant training
- Educare / National College (online CPD)
- Data protection and GDPR guidance
- Specialist insurance cover
- Neotas (Online searches / Social Media checks)
- VWV (legal)

Where this policy refers to 'employees', the term refers to any individual that is classified as an employee or a worker, working with and on behalf of the school (including volunteers and contractors).

Quorn Hall School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers, pupils and visitors to share this commitment.

All outcomes generated by this document must take account of and seek to contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people at Quorn Hall School.

The policy documents of Quorn Hall School are revised and published periodically in good faith. They are inevitably subject to revision. On occasions a significant revision, although promulgated in school separately, may have to take effect between the re-publication of a set of policy documents. Care should therefore be taken to ensure, by consultation with the Senior Leadership Team, that the details of any policy document are still effectively current at a particular moment.

**Document Version Control Log** 

Version	Date	Description of changes and person/organisation responsible
1.0	20/12/2022	Document created (SchoolPro TLC)
1.1	30/08/2024	Updates made to three sections as per the DfE template updates. Updates as follows:  - Requesting access to your personal data - replaced entire section with new
		text (SchoolPro TLC)

# **Privacy Notice (How We Use Pupil Information)**

This Privacy Notice explains how and why we store personal information about pupils and parents/carers. It provides a guide to parents/carers about our legal obligations and their own rights. Like any organisation which handles personal data, our school is defined as a 'Data Controller' and, as such, we are registered with the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) and we comply with the Data Protection Act. and UK General Data Protection Regulation

#### The Categories of Pupil Information That We Process Include:

This list is not exhaustive, to access the current list of categories of information we process please see

For <u>all</u> pupils	Personal Information  Characteristics Attendance Information  Academic attainment and progress records	Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Year Group, Class, Address, Contacts Dietary needs, dietary preferences Medical practice address and telephone number Medical conditions Ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth Sessions attended, number of absences, reasons for absence Teacher Assessment grades Statutory assessment results Standardised score results Learning journey evidence (photographs and annotations) Other photographic evidence of learning Reports to parents (mid-year and end of year)
	Other	Pupil Surveys Incidental evidence of pupils' successes (certificates, photographs, named trophies, celebration events)
For <u>some</u> pupils (only if applicable)	Other	Free School Meals eligibility Court Orders Other pupil premium eligibility (such as if the child is looked after) Safeguarding records (incidents, external agency reports Special Educational needs records (professional assessments, external professionals' reports, referrals for external support) Pastoral records (referrals for support both internal and external, notes of discussions with pupils, pupils' jottings of thoughts and feelings) Exclusion information Behaviour incident records
All Parents/Carers*	Personal Information	Names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, relationship to the child (of parents/carers and other given contacts) Free school meals eligibility evidence
	Other	Parents' surveys Letters sent to school Emails sent to school Financial payments, including debt (both manual and electronic)

<sup>\*</sup>this refers to those with legal responsibility for the child

[link to website or location of data asset register]

## Why We Collect and Use Pupil Information

The personal data collected is essential, for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements.

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

- To support pupil learning
- To keep informed to keep children safe
- To monitor and report on pupil progress

- Safeguarding pupils' welfare and providing appropriate pastoral (and where necessary medical)
- Informing decisions such as the funding of schools
- Assessing performance and to set targets for schools
- Giving and receive information and references about past, current and prospective pupils, and to provide references to potential employers of past pupils
- Managing internal policy and procedure
- Enabling pupils to take part in assessments, to publish the results of examinations and to record pupil achievements
- To carry out statistical analysis for diversity purposes
- Legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection, diversity monitoring and health and safety) and to comply with legal obligations and duties of care
- Enabling relevant authorities to monitor the school's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate
- Monitoring use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's IT security policy
- Making use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the school website and on social media channels
- Security purposes, including CCTV
- To comply with the law regarding data sharing
- To meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections

#### We use the parents' data:

- To assess the quality of our services
- To comply with the law regarding data sharing
- To ensure financial stability

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), the legal basis / bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are: (6a) Consent; (6c) A Legal obligation; (6d) A duty to safeguard pupils; (6e) Public task.

Special Categories of data are set out in Article 9 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. Quorn Hall School will work within the conditions of GDPR - Article 9 of the UK GDPR: (9.2a) explicit consent; (9.2b) 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; (9.2c) where processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person; (9.2f) for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims; (9.2g) reasons of substantial public interest; (9.2j) for archiving purposes in the public interest.

We process criminal offence data under Article 10 of the UK GDPR.

Our Data Protection Policy highlights the conditions for processing in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 that we process Special Category and Criminal Offence data under.

#### **How We Collect and Store Pupil Information**

We collect pupil information via registration forms at the start of the school year or Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from the previous setting, Google forms and emails.

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 visit https://www.quornhallschool.com/

# Who We Share Pupil Information With

We routinely share pupil information with the following organisations. Our full Privacy Notice explains the reasons why we share data with these organisations:

- Schools that the pupil attends after leaving us
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)

- Children's Social Care (when safeguarding pupils' welfare)
- External professionals who visit school (such as Educational Psychologists)
- Suppliers and service providers with whom we have a contract
- Voluntary organisations linked to the school

# **Requesting Access to Your Personal Data**

Under data protection legislation, parents and pupils 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 Karen Jamieson, Office Manager and administrator / Data

Protection Officer

Depending on the lawful basis used for processing data (as identified above), you may also have other rights as per the UK GDPR.

If you have a concern or complaint about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance, with our Data Protection Officer which is SchoolPro TLC Ltd via <a href="mailto:DPO@schoolpro.uk">DPO@schoolpro.uk</a>, or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/concerns/">https://ico.org.uk/concerns/</a>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

#### Withdrawal of Consent and the Right to Lodge a Complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting Karen Jamieson, Office Manager.

# **Last Updated**

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on 1st June 2024.

### Contact, Full Privacy Notice & How Government Uses Your Data

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, or to view our full Secondary Academy Pupils & Parents Privacy Notice (including how the Government uses your data), please contact Karen Jamieson and administrator or Data Protection Officer] or access it here

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