



Privacy Notice - Students

How we use student information

The Academies within Vector Learning Trust need to use data on students in order to be able to safeguard students and deliver the best education possible. Only essential data is held and there are clear processes in place that govern how we collect use, store and share the data.

You have a legal right to be informed about how our Academies uses any personal information that we hold about you. To comply with this, we provide a 'privacy notice' to you where we are processing your personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about you.

We, Vector Learning Trust, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Mr I. Gover (see 'Contact us' below).

The personal data we hold

We hold some personal information about you to make sure we can help you learn and look after you at the Academy.

For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – like other Schools or Academies, the local council and the government.

This information includes but is not limited to:

- Contact details,
- Contact preferences,
- Date of birth, identification documents
- Student sibling information
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Student and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in the Academy
- Biometric Data (from child's thumbprint) where consent has been given
- Details of where you go when you leave us at 16

Why we use this data

We use this data to help run the Academy, including to:

- Get in touch with you and your parents when we need to
- Check how you're doing in all subjects and work out whether you or your teachers need any extra help
- Track how well the Academy as a whole is performing
- Look after your wellbeing

Our legal basis for using this data

- We need to comply with the law
- We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (in order to provide you with an education)

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

- You, or your parents/carers have given us permission to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect your interests (or someone else's interest)

Where we have got permission to use your data, you or your parents/carers may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission, and explain how to go about withdrawing consent.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several grounds which mean we can use your data.

Collecting this information

While in most cases you, or your parents/carers, must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose whether or not to provide the data.

We will always tell you if it's optional. If you must provide the data, we will explain what might happen if you do not.

How we store this data

We will keep personal information about you while you are a student at our Academy. We may also keep it after you have left the Academy, where we are required to by law.

Our record retention schedule/records management within the Data Protection Policy and is based on the [Information and Records Management Society's toolkit for Academics](#) and sets out how long we keep information about students.

Data sharing

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the Academy without permission from you or your parents/carers, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with:

Who we share with	Why we share
Local Authorities	To meet our legal duties to share certain information with it, such as concerns about students' safety and exclusions
The Department for Education	We have to do this by law. This data sharing underpins Academy funding, educational policy and funding
Your family and representatives	To ensure that they know how you are doing and to protect your welfare
Our own in-house Careers Advisor	To be able to offer you advice on your choices when you leave Academy
Police forces, courts, tribunals and security services	As we are required to by law

Educators and examining bodies	To ensure that you are entered for exams and your results are recorded
Health and social welfare organisations	Such as the Academy nurse and the Education Welfare Officer to help look after your health and wellbeing
Our payment service providers	So that you can pay for meals, trips resources and activities.
Providers of electronic learning resources	To allow you to use their resources in class and at home

National Student Database

We are required to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections such as the Academy census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Student Database](#), which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how Schools and Academies are performing. This, in turn, supports research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information it holds is collected securely from Academies, local authorities, exam boards and others.

The Department for Education may share information from the database with other organisations which promote children’s education or wellbeing in England. These organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use your data.

You can find more information about this on the Department for Education’s webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) if you have any questions about the database.

Youth support services

Once you reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information about you to Devon County Council youth support services, as it has legal responsibilities regarding the education or training of 13-19 year-olds.

This information enables it to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers.

Your parents/carers, or you once you’re 16, can contact our data protection officer to ask us to only pass your name, address and date of birth to Devon County Council youth support services

Transferring data internationally

Where we share data with an organisation that is based outside the European Economic Area, we will protect your data by following data protection law.

Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

You can find out if we hold any personal information about you, and how we use it, by making a **'subject access request'**, as long as we judge that you can properly understand your rights and what they mean.

If we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your parents
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know if we are using your data to make any automated decisions (decisions being taken by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- Give you a copy of the information

You may also ask us to send your personal information to another organisation electronically in certain circumstances.

If you want to make a request please contact our Data Protection Officer.

Your other rights over your data

You have other rights over how your personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Say that you don't want it to be used if this would cause, or is causing, harm or distress
- Stop it being used to send you marketing materials
- Say that you don't want it used to make automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- Have it corrected, deleted or destroyed if it is wrong, or restrict our use of it
- Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way

Complaints

We take any complaints about how we collect and use your personal data very seriously, so please let us know if you think we've done something wrong.

You can make a complaint at any time by contacting our data protection officer.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in one of the following ways:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
- Call 0303 123 1113
- Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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. I. Gover
dposchools@somerset.gov.uk

This notice is based on the [Department for Education's model privacy notice](#) for students, amended to reflect the way we use data in this Academy.