



How We Use Your Information

Privacy Notice for Pupils (L4 upwards)

Gateways School

Independent Day School for Boys and Girls

Pupil Privacy Notice

Introduction

This notice is to help you understand **how** and **why** we collect your personal information and **what** we do with that information. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your own information.

We are giving you this notice because you are mature enough to make decisions about your personal information.

If you have any questions about this notice please talk to your Form Tutor.

What is "personal information"?

Personal information is information that the School holds about you and which identifies you.

This includes information such as your name, date of birth and address as well as things like exam results, medical details and behaviour records. The School may also record your religion or ethnic group. CCTV, photos and video recordings of you are also personal information.

How and why does the School collect and use personal information?

We set out below examples of the different ways in which we use personal information and where this personal information comes from. The School's primary reason for using your personal information is to provide you with an education.

Admissions forms give us lots of personal information. We get information from you, your parents, your teachers and other pupils. Your old school also gives us information about you so that we can teach and care for you.

Sometimes we get information from your doctors and other professionals where we need this to look after you. We collect this information to help the School run properly, safely and to let others know what we do here. Here are some examples:

- We need to tell the appropriate teachers if you are allergic to something or might need extra help with some tasks.
- We use CCTV to make sure the School site is safe. CCTV is not used in private areas such as changing rooms. CCTV is discreetly used in toilet areas as a deterrent to vandalism and poor behaviour.
- We may need to report some of your information to the government. For example, we may need to tell the local authority that you attend the School or let them know if we have any concerns about your welfare.
- We may need information about any court orders or criminal matters which relate to you. This is so that we can safeguard your welfare and wellbeing and the other pupils at the School.
- If you are from another country we have to make sure that you have the right to study in the UK. We might have to provide information to UK Visas and Immigration who are part of the government.

- Depending on where you will go when you leave us we may need to provide your information to other schools, colleges and universities or potential employers. For example we may share information about your exam results and provide references. We may need to pass on information which they need to look after you.
- When you take public examinations (e.g. GCSEs) we will need to share information about you with examination boards. For example, if you require extra time in your exams.
- We may need to share information with the police or our legal advisers if something goes wrong or to help with an inquiry. For example, if one of your classmates is injured at School or if there is a burglary.
- Occasionally we may use consultants, experts and other advisors to assist the School in fulfilling its obligations and to help run the School properly. We might need to share your information with them if this is relevant to their work.
- If you have misbehaved in a serious way, and the police have become involved, we may need to use information about the action taken by the police.
- We may share some information with our insurance company to make sure that we have the insurance cover that we need.
- We may share your academic and (where fair) your behaviour records with your parents or education guardian so they can support your schooling.
- We may share information about you with other sections of the school. For example, how well you have behaved and test results.
- We will only share your information with other people and organisations when we have a good reason to do so. In exceptional circumstances we may need to share it more widely than we would normally.
- We will monitor your use of email, the internet and mobile electronic devices e.g. iPads. This is to check that you are not misbehaving when using this technology or putting yourself at risk of harm. If you would like more information about this you can read the Electronic Communications and Internet Acceptable Use Policy or speak to your Form Tutor.
- We may use photographs or videos of you for the School's website and social media sites or prospectus to show prospective pupils what we do here and to advertise the School. We may continue to use these photographs and videos after you have left the School.
- Sometimes we use photographs and videos for teaching purposes, for example, to record a drama lesson.
- If you have concerns about us using photographs or videos of you please speak to your Form Tutor.
- We publish our public exam results, sports fixtures and other news on the website and put articles and photographs in the local news to tell people about what we have been doing.
- We may keep details of your address when you leave so we can send you The CherryVine and find out how you are getting on. We may also pass your details onto the alumni organisation which is called The Old Gatewegians.

If you have any concerns about any of the above, please speak to your Form Tutor.

Our legal grounds for using your information

This section contains information about the legal basis that we are relying on when handling your information.

Legitimate interests

This means that the processing is necessary for legitimate interests except where the processing is unfair to you. The School relies on legitimate interests for most of the ways in which it uses your information.

Specifically, the School has a legitimate interest in:

- Providing you with an education.
- Safeguarding and promoting your welfare and the welfare of other children.
- Promoting the objects and interests of the School. This includes fundraising e.g. if we want to raise money to fund bursaries or new buildings.
- Facilitating the efficient operation of the School.
- Ensuring that all relevant legal obligations of the School are complied with.

In addition your personal information may be processed for the legitimate interests of others. For example, we may use information about you when investigating a complaint made by one of your fellow pupils.

If you object to us using your information where we are relying on our legitimate interests as explained above please speak to your Form Tutor.

Legal obligation

Where the School needs to use your information in order to comply with a legal obligation, for example to report a concern about your wellbeing to Children's Services. We may also have to disclose your information to third parties such as the courts, the local authority or the police where legally obliged to do so.

Vital interests

For example, to prevent someone from being seriously harmed or killed.

From time to time, we may ask for your consent to use your information in certain other ways. If we ask for your consent to use your personal information you can take back this consent at any time. Any use of your information before you withdraw your consent remains valid. Please speak to your Form Tutor if you would like to withdraw any consent given.

Sending information to other countries

We may send your information to other countries where:

- we store information on computer servers based overseas; or
- we communicate with you or your parents when you are overseas (for example, during the summer holidays if you live in a different country).

The European Commission has produced a list of countries which have adequate data protection rules. The list can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/internationaltransfers/adequacy/index_en.htm

If the country that we are sending your information to is not on the list or, is not a country within the EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland) then it might not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is in the UK.

For how long do we keep your information?

We keep your personal information only for as long as we need it to educate and look after you, and to meet legal and regulatory requirements. For example:

- Admissions and pupil-related records are kept for 6 years after you leave the School.
- Safeguarding records are kept for at least 25 years from your date of birth.
- Exam results and academic records may be kept indefinitely for historical or research purposes.
- Photographs and videos used for promotional or archival purposes may be retained unless you ask us to remove them.

If you have any questions about how long we keep specific types of information, please speak to your Form Tutor or the Data Compliance Coordinator (DCC).

In exceptional circumstances we may keep your information for a longer time than usual, but we would only do so if we had a good reason and only if we are allowed to do so under data protection law.

What decisions can you make about your information?

You are able to make various decisions about your information. Your rights are as follows:

- if information is incorrect you can ask us to correct it;
- you can also ask what information we hold about you and be provided with a copy. We will also give you extra information, such as why we use this information about you, where it came from and what types of people we have sent it to;
- you can ask us to send you, or another organisation, certain types of information about you in a format that can be read by computer; and
- our use of information about you may be restricted in some cases. For example, if you tell us that the information is inaccurate we can only use it for limited purposes while we check its accuracy.

Your Form Tutor can give you more information about your data protection rights.

Further information and guidance

This notice is to explain how we look after your personal information. Your Form Tutor can answer any questions which you might have.

Please speak to your Form Tutor if:

- you object to us using your information for marketing purposes e.g. to send you information about school events. We will stop using your information for marketing purposes if you tell us not to; or
- you would like us to update the information we hold about you; or
- you would prefer that certain information is kept confidential.

The Data Compliance Coordinator (DCC) is the person responsible at our School for managing how we look after personal information and deciding how it is shared. If you have any questions you can ask your Form Tutor about how it works in our School. Alternatively, you can ask your parents to speak to us on your behalf if you prefer.

If you consider that we have not acted properly when using your personal information please contact your Form Tutor in the first instance. If you are still concerned then you can speak to the DCC or contact the Information Commissioner's Office: ico.org.uk.