

## How we use your information - Privacy Notice for Parents

### Introduction

This notice is to tell you how we use the personal information or personal data we collect about you and your child and what we do with that information.

Pupils in Year 8 and above are deemed to be of the age appropriate to operate their own personal data rights. Parents may therefore also wish to view our Privacy Notice for Pupils.

### Who we are

For the purposes of Data Protection legislation, the School is the Data Controller.

The postal address of the School is:

Felsted School  
Felsted  
Essex CM6 3LL

In this Privacy Notice, 'we' and 'us' means the School.

If you would like to contact us about your personal information you can contact our Data Protection Lead who is:

Rachel Earle  
Compliance Manager  
Felsted School  
Felsted  
Essex CM6 3LL  
Email: [compliance@felsted.org](mailto:compliance@felsted.org)

### What information we collect and hold

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, date of birth, unique pupil number, contact details and address);
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and country of birth);
- safeguarding information (including 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 and medical treatment records) held and accessed by the Medical Centre/Staff and by any teaching and pastoral or resident staff that need to be aware;
- admissions and attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons, any previous schools attended and where you go when you leave us);
- assessment and attainment (including academic records and examination scripts and marks);

- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place);
- images of you engaging in school activities (including for the purpose of your education and/or sport performance);
- images captured by the School's CCTV system that are used in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) Code of Practice and the School's policy on taking, storing and using images of children;
- information required for authentication as part of the School's security (including the fob operated access system);
- information required for pupils attending school organised trips.

### **Why we collect and use this information**

We collect and use information so that we can provide pupils with their education and to enable us to care for them, including:

- as part of the admissions process to admit pupils to the School;
- to deliver and support pupils education and learning, including musical education, physical training, spiritual development, career services, extra-curricular activities and to support any additional educational needs;
- to monitor and report on pupil progress;
- to provide appropriate pastoral care, to safeguard pupils welfare and to keep pupils safe;
- to assess the quality of our services;
- to enable all our pupils to take part in national or other assessments, and to publish the results of public examinations or other achievements of pupils;
- to make use of photo and video images in school publications, on the School website and (where appropriate) on the School's social media channels;
- to monitor use of our IT and communications systems in accordance with our policies;
- for safety and security purposes, including CCTV;
- to comply with the statutory duties placed upon us.

We also collect and use information for us to operate as a school, including:

- to maintain relationships with the School community, including direct marketing or fundraising activity, see our [Privacy Notice for our Advancement and Alumni Activity](#);
- for the purposes of donor due diligence, and to confirm the identity of prospective donors and their background and relevant interests, see our [Privacy Notice for our Advancement and Alumni Activity](#);
- for the purposes of management planning and forecasting, research and statistical analysis, including that imposed or provided for by law, market analysis and assessing pupil and parent satisfaction;
- to enable relevant authorities to monitor the School's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- to give and receive information and references about past, current and prospective pupils, including relating to outstanding fees or payment history, to/from any educational institution that the pupil attended or where it is proposed they attend; and to provide references to potential employers of past pupils;
- to secure funding for the School or on behalf of individual pupils;
- for maintenance of historic archive; and
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing.

## **The lawful basis on which we use this information**

The use of your information for these purposes is lawful for the following reasons:

- We have a legitimate interest in holding and using information because it is necessary in order to provide pupils with education and pastoral care and connected purposes.
- The School is under a legal obligation to collect the information or the information is necessary for us to meet legal requirements imposed upon us such as our duty to safeguard pupils.
- It is necessary for us to hold and use information for the purposes of our functions in providing schooling, which is in the public interest.
- We do not usually need consent to use personal information. Where we do require consent we will contact you, or your child if your child is deemed to be of the age appropriate to provide their own consent.

## **Collecting information**

For the majority of personal information we ask for this directly when pupils join the School and for pupils and parents to let us know of any changes while pupils are with us. We may also ask for additional information during a pupils time at Felsted, for example in email communication, written assessments or trip permission.

We may also receive information about pupils from a previous school, local authority and/or the Department for Education (DfE).

## **Storing data**

As a School we have lawful and necessary reasons to hold on to some information and we are required to keep certain records until pupils reach age 25, or beyond in some circumstances. After this time a record of pupils being at the School is stored within the School Archives. Our Alumni and Development Office also keep in touch with pupils once they have left the school.

The School [Record Keeping Policy](#) provides information on the records we store and how long for.

## **Who we may need to share information with**

For the most part, personal information collected by the School will remain within the School, and will be accessed on a 'need to know' basis.

Some of our activity is carried out on our behalf by third parties, such as IT software systems, web developers, cloud storage providers and mailing services. We will always make sure we have in place agreements with any third parties processing personal data on our behalf, that personal information will be kept securely and only in accordance with our instructions.

We may need to share pupil and/or parent information with:

- schools that pupils move to if they leave Felsted and/or higher education institutions pupils apply to;
- our local authority or the local authority a pupil lives in;
- the Department for Education (DfE);

- UK Visas and Immigration;
- other bodies for the purpose of a pupils education, for example competitions, co-curricular activities (including trips), Exam boards and disclosures connected with SEN support.

Information disclosed to some people/services may include sensitive personal information. Usually this means information about health and any special educational needs or disabilities pupils have. We do this where it is in the pupils vital interests for their personal information to be passed to other services.

Our disclosure of any sensitive personal data is lawful for the following reasons:

- The School is under a legal obligation to disclose the information or disclosing the information is necessary for us to meet legal requirements imposed upon us such as our duty to look after our pupils and protect them from harm.
- It is necessary for us to disclose information for the purposes of our functions in providing schooling. This is a function which is in the public interest.
- We have a legitimate interest in disclosing information because it is necessary in order to provide our pupils with education and pastoral care and connected purposes as outlined above.
- We may not need consent to disclose your information. However, if at any time it appears to us that we would need consent then we will ask before a disclosure is made.

We do not normally transfer information to a different country which is outside the European Economic Area, apart from if parents live overseas or if a pupil moves to a new school abroad. If this happens we will carry out checks and put security measures in place to make sure that it is safe to transfer the information.

### **Requesting access to your personal data**

Under data protection legislation, individuals have the right to request access to information that we hold about them.

To make a request for your personal information you will need to request this in writing to:

Compliance Manager  
 Felsted School  
 Felsted  
 Essex  
 CM6 3LL  
 Email: [compliance@felsted.org](mailto:compliance@felsted.org)

### **Your rights**

You have the right to:

- ask us for a copy of the information we have about you;
- ask us to correct any information we have about you if you think it is wrong;
- ask us to erase information about you (although we may have good reasons why we cannot do this);
- ask us to limit what we are doing with your information;
- object to what we are doing with your information;

- ask us to transfer your information to another organisation in a format that makes it easy for them to use;

There is more information in our [Data Protection Policy](#).

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we ask that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or the address below:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745.

### **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this Privacy Notice, please contact:

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