

WINGATE COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL

Privacy notice for Parents/Carers

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils. We, Wingate Community Nursery School, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is **Phil Barclay (School Governor)**

Who we are and what we do

We are Wingate Community Nursery School, Partridge Terrace, Wingate, County Durham, TS28 5BD. We are a maintained nursery school for children ages 3 – 5 years old. Our local authority is Durham County Council.

The personal data we collect and hold

We hold personal data about children, their parents or carers to support teaching and learning, to provide pastoral care and to assess how the school is performing. We may also receive data about children from other organisations including, but not limited to, other schools, local authorities, health care providers and the Department for Education.

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about children includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details, contact preferences, emergency contacts, date of birth, identification documents
- Results of internal assessments
- Children's learning journals with formative and summative assessment records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for EYPP/30 hours or special educational needs
- Details of any medical conditions, including allergies/intolerances
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs/film clips

Why we use this data

We use this data to:

- Support children's learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare
- Assess the quality of our services (including monitoring staff performance)
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research
- Deliver training
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing

Processing images off site

On evenings and weekends, staff sometimes work at home on formative assessment that contributes to learning journals, planning and documentation on the walls in school. This is made safe by storing images/files on encrypted memory sticks that are password protected.

CCTV

The school has installed CCTV equipment for the purposes of security. Queries regarding this should be addressed to Becky Wood, Headteacher.

Texting Service

The school uses a texting service managed by (Teachers2Parents) as one means of communication with parents. Your consent is sought at the time of admission to Nursery.

Class lists

On occasions, the school may be asked by parents for names of children in Nursery – usually to write invitations to parties etc. Your consent is sought at the time of admission to Nursery.

Our legal basis for using this data

We collect and use personal data on the basis of performing a public task (educating children).

On some occasions we may ask for consent to process data when its use is optional. On those occasions consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Collecting this information

We collect / obtain data from children, parents, carers, teachers and other professionals where relevant (e.g. G.P, hospital, social workers, health visitors etc.)

How we store this data

We keep personal information about children while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. We will only retain the data we collect for as long as is necessary. This would be to satisfy the purpose for which it has been collected in accordance with our data retention policy. Please contact us if you would like further details on this policy.

The security of data and information is important to us. This is why we follow a range of security policies and procedures to control and safeguard access to and use of your personal information. This includes both physical and technical security and integrity of all data.

Data sharing

We do not share any of this data with any other organisation without your permission, except where the law requires it. We are required to provide pupil data to central government through the Department for Education and the Education Funding Agency. Where it is necessary to protect a child, the school will also share data with the Local Authority Children's Social Services, medical professional and/or the Police.

We do not transfer personal data to countries outside the European Economic Area.

Parents and pupils' rights regarding personal data

Individuals have a right to make a '**subject access request**' to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them. This includes access to their child's educational record. This should be made in writing or by e-mail to wingate.nursery@durhamlearning.net

The school will respond within a 15 school days timescale.

Parents also have the right to make a subject access request with respect to any personal data the school holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, we will:

- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form
- Give you a description of the data we hold
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your child
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If we can not provide information to you, we will give you a description of the information we hold and the reason why it can not be disclosed to you at the time of your request.

Other rights

Individuals have rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent it being used to send direct marketing
- Object to decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer, Nicola Nattress.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- 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:

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