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**Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School**

**Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Archesgob McGrath**



## **PRIVACY NOTICE**

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**What the school, local authority and Welsh Government does with information it holds on pupils.**

## **Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)**

### **We use the pupil data:**

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

### **The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include:**

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Any relevant medical information
- Special educational needs
- Exclusions and behavioural information
- Assessment information
- Post 16 learning information
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)

**Why do we collect and use pupil information?** We collect and use pupil information under the Education Act 1996. The EU general data protection regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) will take effect in May 25 2018 including Article 6 'lawfulness of processing' and Article 9 'Processing of special categories of personal data'

### **The collection of personal information**

The school collects information about pupils and their parents or legal guardians when they enrol at the school. The schools also collect information at other key times during the school year. Information is also received from other schools when pupils transfer.

The **school** processes the information it collects to administer the education it provides to pupils. For example:

- the provision of educational services to individuals;
- monitoring and reporting on pupils' educational progress;
- the provision of welfare, pastoral care and health services;
- the giving of support and guidance to pupils, their parents and legal guardians;
- the organisation of educational events and trips;
- planning and management of the school.

### **Welsh Government (WG) and Local Authority (LA)**

The Welsh Government receives information on pupils normally as part of what is called the Pupil Level Annual Schools Census (PLASC). The Welsh Government uses this personal information for research (carried out in such a way that ensures individual pupils cannot be identified) and for statistical purposes, to inform, influence and improve education policy and to monitor the performance of the education service as a whole. Examples of the sort of statistics produced can be viewed at: [Wales.gov.uk/statistics](https://wales.gov.uk/statistics)Opens new window

The LA also uses the personal information collected via PLASC to do research. It uses the results of this research to make decisions on policy and the funding of schools, to calculate the performance of schools and help them to set targets. The research is carried out in such a way that ensures individual pupils cannot be identified.

In addition WG and LAs receive information regarding National Curriculum assessment and Public Examination results and attendance data at pupil level.

### **Storing pupil data**

We hold pupil data for 6 years following a student's last entry which would be when they reach 25 years of age.

### **Organisations who may share personal information**

Information held by the school, LA and the Welsh Government on pupils, their parents or legal guardians may also be shared with other organisations when the law allows, for example with:

- other education and training bodies, including schools, when pupils are applying for courses, training, school transfer or seeking guidance on opportunities;
- bodies doing research for the Welsh Assembly Government, LA and schools, so long as steps are taken to keep the information secure;
- central and local government for the planning and provision of educational services;

- social services and other health and welfare organisations where there is a need to share information to protect and support individual pupils;
- various regulatory bodies, such as ombudsmen and inspection authorities, where the law requires that information be passed on so that they can do their work.

Pupils have certain rights under the Data Protection Act, including a general right to be given access to personal data held about them by any 'data controller'. The presumption is that by the age of 12 a child has sufficient maturity to understand their rights and to make an access request themselves if they wish. A parent would normally be expected to make a request of child's behalf if the child is younger.

If you wish to access your personal data, or that of your child, then please contact the relevant organisation in writing. Details of these organisations can be found on the school or LA website or for those pupils/parents where this is not practical, a hard copy can be obtained from the school.

### **Pupils aged 14 or over**

The information you supply will be used by the Chief Executive of Skills Funding, to issue you with a Unique Learner Number (ULN), and to create your Personal Learning Record. Further details of how your information is processed and shared can be found at: [Learning Records Service](#)  
[Opens new window](#)

### **Other information**

The Welsh Government, LA and school place a high value on the importance of information security and have a number of procedures in place to minimise the possibility of a compromise in data security.

The Welsh Government, LA and school will endeavour to ensure that information is kept accurate at all times. Personal information will not be sent outside the United Kingdom.

### **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: Data Protection Officer, Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, Oak Tree Way, Brackla, Bridgend CF31 2DN

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request 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/>

### **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

- Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School's data Protection Officer, Oak Tree Way, Brackla, Bridgend CF31 2DN
- the Welsh Government's data protection officer at, The Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ;
- the Information Commissioner's officer helpline can be contacted on Telephone: 01625 545745;
- information is also available from: <https://ico.org.uk>