

# Cross Keys Learning

## GDPR & DATA Protection Policy

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## 1. Introduction

Cross Keys Learning is committed to protecting and respecting the confidentiality of sensitive information relating to all stakeholders.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and The Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) is the law that protects personal privacy and upholds individual's rights. It applies to anyone who handles or has access to people's personal data.

This policy is intended to ensure that personal information is dealt with properly and securely and in accordance with the legislation. It will apply to personal information regardless of the way it is used, recorded, and stored and whether it is held in paper files or electronically.

## 2. Policy Objectives

Cross Keys Learning as the Data Controller will comply with its obligations under the GDPR and DPA. Cross Keys Learning is committed to being concise, clear, and transparent about how it obtains and uses personal information and will ensure data subjects are aware of their rights under the legislation.

All staff must have a general understanding of the law and understand how it may affect their decisions to make an informed judgement about how information is gathered, used, and ultimately deleted. All staff must read, understand, and comply with this policy.

The Information Commissioner as the Regulator can impose fines of up to 20 million Euros (approximately £17 million) for serious breaches of the GDPR, therefore it is imperative that Cross Keys Learning and all staff comply with the legislation.

## 3. Scope of the Policy

Personal data is any information that relates to an identified or identifiable living individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from the information<sup>1</sup>. The information includes factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity of a living individual. This includes any expression of opinion about an individual and intentions towards an individual. Under the GDPR personal information also includes an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier.

Cross Keys Learning as an organisation collects a large amount of personal data every year including pupil records, staff records, names and addresses of those requesting prospectuses, examination marks, references, fee collection as well as the many different types of research data used by Cross Keys Learning. In addition, it may be required by law to collect and use certain types of information to comply with statutory obligations of Local Authorities (LAs), government agencies and other bodies.

## 4. The principles

The principles set out in the GDPR must be adhered to when processing personal data:

- 1 Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner (**lawfulness, fairness, and transparency**)
- 2 Personal data shall be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes (**purpose limitation**)
- 3 Personal data shall be adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purpose(s) for which they are processed (**data minimisation**)

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<sup>1</sup> GDPR Article 4 Definitions

- 4 Personal data shall be accurate and where necessary kept up to date and every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate are erased or rectified without delay (**accuracy**).
- 5 Personal data shall be kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purpose for which the personal data is processed (**storage limitation**)
- 6 Appropriate technical and organisational measures shall be taken to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subject and to ensure that personal information is processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data and protects against unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data (**integrity and confidentiality**).

## 5. Transfer Limitation

In addition, personal data shall not be transferred to a country outside the EEA unless that country or territory ensures an adequate level of protection for the rights and freedoms of data subjects in relation to the processing of personal data as determined by the European Commission or where the organisation receiving the data has provided adequate safeguards<sup>2</sup>.

This means that individuals' rights must be enforceable and effective legal remedies for individuals must be available following the transfer. It may also be possible to transfer data where the data subject has provided explicit consent or for other limited reasons. Staff should contact the DPO if they require further assistance with a proposed transfer of personal data outside of the EEA.

## 6. Lawful Basis for processing personal information

Before any processing activity starts for the first time, and then regularly afterwards, the purpose(s) for the processing activity and the most appropriate lawful basis (or bases) for that processing must be selected:

- Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the school.
- Processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party, or to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering a contract.
- Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the data controller is subject.
- Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person.
- Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the data controller or by a third party<sup>3</sup>
- The data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her data for one or more specific purposes. Agreement must be indicated clearly either by a statement or positive action to the processing. Consent requires affirmative action so silence, pre-ticked boxes or inactivity are

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<sup>2</sup> These may be provided by a legally binding agreement between public authorities or bodies, standard data protection clauses provided by the ICO or certification under an approved mechanism.

<sup>3</sup> The GDPR states that legitimate interests do not apply to processing carried out by public authorities in the performance of their tasks, Article 6 However, the ICO indicates that where there are other legitimate purposes outside the scope of the tasks as a public authority, legitimate interests may be considered where appropriate (particularly relevant for public authorities with commercial interests).

unlikely to be sufficient. If consent is given in a document which deals with other matters, the consent from be kept separate from those other matters.

- Data subjects must be easily able to withdraw consent to processing at any time and withdrawal must be promptly honoured. Consent may need to be refreshed if personal data is intended to be processed for a different and incompatible purpose which was not disclosed when the data subject first consented.

The decision as to which lawful basis applies must be documented, to demonstrate compliance with the data protection principles and include information about both the purposes of the processing and the lawful basis for it in Cross Keys Learning relevant privacy notice(s).

When determining whether legitimate interests are the most appropriate basis for lawful processing (only where appropriate outside Cross Keys Learning public tasks) a legitimate interest's assessment must be carried out and recorded. Where a significant privacy impact is identified, a data protection impact assessment (DPIA) may also need to be conducted.

### **7. Sensitive Personal Information**

Processing of sensitive personal information (known as 'special categories of personal data') is prohibited<sup>4</sup> unless a lawful special condition for processing is identified.

Sensitive personal information is data which reveals racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, sex life or orientation or is genetic or biometric data which uniquely identifies a natural person.

Sensitive personal information will only be processed if:

- There is a lawful basis for doing so as identified on previous page.
- One of the special conditions for processing sensitive personal information applies:
  - (a) the individual ('data subject') has given explicit consent (which has been clearly explained in a Privacy Notice)
  - (b) the processing is necessary for the purposes of exercising the employment law rights or obligations of the school or the data subject.
  - (c) the processing is necessary to protect the data subject's vital interests, and the data subject is physically incapable of giving consent.
  - (d) the processing is carried out during its legitimate activities with appropriate safeguards by a foundation, association or any other not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade-union aim.
  - (e) the processing relates to personal data which are manifestly made public by the data subject.
  - (f) the processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims.
  - (g) the processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest.
  - (h) the processing is necessary for purposes of preventative or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, the provision of social care and the management of social care systems or services.
  - (i) the processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in public health.

Cross Keys Learning privacy notice(s) set out the types of sensitive personal information that it processes, what it is used for, the lawful basis for the processing and the special condition that applies.

Sensitive personal information will not be processed until an assessment has been made of the proposed processing as to whether it complies with the criteria above and the individual has been

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<sup>4</sup> GDPR, Article 9

informed (by way of a privacy notice or consent) of the nature of the processing, the purposes for which it is being carried out and the legal basis for it.

Unless Cross Keys Learning can rely on another legal basis of processing, explicit consent is usually required for processing sensitive personal data. Evidence of consent will need to be captured and recorded so that Cross Keys Learning can demonstrate compliance with the GDPR.

#### **8. Automated Decision Making**

Where Cross Keys Learning carries out automated decision making (including profiling) it must meet all the principles and have a lawful basis for the processing. Explicit consent will usually be required for automated decision making (unless it is authorised by law, or it is necessary for the performance of or entering a contract).

Additional safeguards and restrictions apply in the case of solely automated decision-making, including profiling. Cross Keys Learning must as soon as reasonably possibly notify the data subject in writing that a decision has been taken based on solely automated processing and that the data subject may request Cross Keys Learning to reconsider or take a new decision. If such a request is received staff must contact the DPO as the school must reply within 21 days.

#### **9. Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA)**

All data controllers are required to implement 'Privacy by Design' when processing personal data.

This means Cross Keys Learning's processes must embed privacy considerations and incorporate appropriate technical and organisational measures (like pseudonymisation) in an effective manner to ensure compliance with data privacy principles.

Where processing is likely to result in high risk to an individual's data protection rights (for example where a new technology is being implemented) a DPIA must be carried out to assess:

- whether the processing is necessary and proportionate in relation to its purpose
- the risks to individuals
- what measures can be put in place to address those risks and protect personal information.

Staff should adhere to the Data Protection Toolkit for Schools from the DfE with reference to the DPIA template.

When carrying out a DPIA, staff should seek the advice of the DPO for support and guidance and once complete, refer the finalised document to the DPO for sign off.

#### **10. Documentation and records**

Written records of processing activities must be kept and recorded including:

- the name(s) and details of individuals or roles that carry out the processing.
- the purposes of the processing
- a description of the categories of individuals and categories of personal data
- categories of recipients of personal data
- details of transfers to third countries, including documentation of the transfer mechanism safeguards in place.
- retention schedules
- a description of technical and organisational security measures.

As part of the Cross Keys Learning's record of processing activities the DPO will document, or link to documentation on:

- information required for privacy notices.
- records of consent
- controller-processor contracts
- the location of personal information.

- DPIAs and
- Records of data breaches.

Records of processing of sensitive information are kept on:

- the relevant purposes for which the processing takes place, including why it is necessary for that purpose.
- the lawful basis for our processing and
- Whether the personal information is retained or erased in accordance with the Retention Schedule and, if not, the reasons for not following the policy.

Cross Keys Learning should conduct regular reviews of the personal information it processes and update its documentation accordingly. This may include:

- Carrying out information audits to find out what personal information is held.
- Talking to staff about their processing activities
- Reviewing policies, procedures, contracts, and agreements to address retention, security and data sharing.

### **11. Privacy Notice**

Cross Keys Learning will issue privacy notices as required, informing data subjects (or their parents, depending on age of the pupil, if about pupil information) about the personal information that it collects and holds relating to individual data subjects, how individuals can expect their personal information to be used and for what purposes.

When information is collected directly from data subjects, including for HR or employment purposes, the data subject shall be given all the information required by the GDPR including the identity of the data controller and the DPO, how and why the School will use, process, disclose, protect and retain that personal data through a privacy notice (which must be presented when the data subject first provides the data).

When information is collected indirectly (for example from a third party or publicly available source) the data subject must be provided with all the information required by the GDPR as soon as possible after collecting or receiving the data. Cross Keys Learning must also check that the data was collected by the third party in accordance with the GDPR and on a basis which is consistent with the proposed processing of the personal data.

Cross Keys Learning will take appropriate measures to provide information in privacy notices in a concise, transparent, intelligible, and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language.

Cross Keys Learning will issue a minimum of two privacy notices, one for pupil information, and one for workforce information, and these will be reviewed in line with any statutory or contractual changes.

### **12. Purpose Limitation**

Personal data must be collected only for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes. It must not be further processed in any manner incompatible with those purposes.

Personal data must not be used for new, different, or incompatible purposes from that disclosed when it was first obtained unless the data subject has been informed of the new purposes and they have consented where necessary.

### **13. Data minimisation**

Personal data must be adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which it is processed.

Staff may only process data when their role requires it. Staff must not process personal data for any reason unrelated to their role.



Cross Keys Learning will maintain a Retention Schedule to ensure personal data is deleted after a reasonable time for the purpose for which it was being held unless a law requires such data to be kept for a minimum time. Staff must take all reasonable steps to destroy or delete all personal data that is held in its systems when it is no longer required in accordance with the Schedule. This includes requiring third parties to delete such data where applicable.

Staff must ensure that data subjects are informed of the period for which data is stored and how that period is determined in any applicable Privacy Notice.

#### **14. Individual Rights**

Staff as well as any other 'data subjects' have the following rights in relation to their personal information:

- To be informed about how, why and on what basis that information is processed (*see the relevant privacy notice*)
- To obtain confirmation that personal information is being processed and to obtain access to it and certain other information, by making a subject access request (*see Appendix 1 - Procedure for Access to Personal Information*)
- To have data corrected if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- To have data erased if it is no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally collected/processed, or if there are no overriding legitimate grounds for the processing ('the right to be forgotten')
- To restrict the processing of personal information where the accuracy of the information is contested, or the processing is unlawful (but you do not want the data to be erased) or where Cross Keys Learning no longer need the personal information, but you require the data to establish, exercise or defend a legal claim.
- To restrict the processing of personal information temporarily where you do not think it is accurate (and Cross Keys Learning are verifying whether it is accurate), or where you have objected to the processing (and Cross Keys Learning are considering whether Cross Keys Learning legitimate grounds override your interests)
- In limited circumstances to receive or ask for their personal data to be transferred to a third party in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format.
- To withdraw consent to processing at any time (if applicable)
- To request a copy of an agreement under which personal data is transferred outside of the EEA.
- To object to decisions based solely on automated processing, including profiling.
- To be notified of a data breach which is likely to result in high risk to their rights and obligations.
- To make a complaint to the ICO or a Court.

#### **15. Individual Responsibilities**

During their employment, staff may have access to the personal information of other members of staff, suppliers, clients or the public. Cross Keys Learning expects staff to help meet its data protection obligations to those individuals.

If you have access to personal information, you must:

- only access the personal information that you have authority to access and only for authorised purposes.
- only allow other staff to access personal information if they have appropriate authorisation.
- only allow individuals who are not Cross Keys Learning staff to access personal information if you have specific authority to do so.
- keep personal information secure (e.g. by complying with rules on access to premises, computer access, password protection and secure file storage and destruction in accordance with the school's policies).
- not remove personal information, or devices containing personal information (or which can be used to access it) from Cross Keys Learning premises unless appropriate security measures are in place (such as pseudonymisation, encryption or password protection) to secure the information and the device.
- not store personal information on local drives or on personal devices that are used for work purposes.

## 16. Information Security

Cross Keys Learning will use appropriate technical and organisational measures to keep personal information secure, to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, or damage.

All staff are responsible for keeping information secure in accordance with the legislation and must follow their school's acceptable usage policy.

Cross Keys Learning will develop, implement, and maintain safeguards appropriate to its size, scope and business, its available resources, the amount of personal data that it owns or maintains on behalf of others and identified risks (including use of encryption and pseudonymisation where applicable). It will regularly evaluate and test the effectiveness of those safeguards to ensure security of processing.

Staff must guard against unlawful or unauthorised processing of personal data and against the accidental loss of, or damage to, personal data. Staff must exercise particular care in protecting sensitive personal data from loss and unauthorised access, use or disclosure.

Staff must follow all procedures and technologies put in place to maintain the security of all personal data from the point of collection to the point of destruction. Staff may only transfer personal data to third-party service providers who agree in writing to comply with the required policies and procedures and who agree to put adequate measures in place, as requested.

Staff must maintain data security by protecting the **confidentiality, integrity, and availability** of the personal data, defined as follows:

**Confidentiality** means that only people who have a need to know and are authorised to use the personal data can access it.

**Integrity** means that personal data is accurate and suitable for the purpose for which it is processed.

**Availability** means that authorised users can access the personal data when they need it for authorised purposes.

Staff must comply with and not attempt to circumvent the administrative, physical, and technical safeguards the school has implemented and maintains in accordance with the GDPR and DPA.

Where Cross Keys Learning uses external organisations to process personal information on its behalf, additional security arrangements need to be implemented in contracts with those organisations to safeguard the security of personal information. Contracts with external organisations must provide that:

- the organisation may only act on the written instructions of Cross Keys Learning

- those processing data are subject to the duty of confidence.
- appropriate measures are taken to ensure the security of processing.
- sub-contractors are only engaged with the prior consent of Cross Keys Learning and under a written contract.
- the organisation will assist the school in providing subject access and allowing individuals to exercise their rights in relation to data protection.
- the organisation will delete or return all personal information to Cross Keys Learning as requested at the end of the contract.
- the organisation will submit to audits and inspections, provide Cross Keys Learning with whatever information it needs to ensure that they are both meeting their data protection obligations, and tell the school immediately if it does something infringing data protection law.

Before any new agreement involving the processing of personal information by an external organisation is entered into, or an existing agreement is altered, the relevant staff must seek approval from the DPO.

### **17. Storage and retention of personal information**

Personal data will be kept securely in accordance with Cross Keys Learning's data protection obligations.

Personal data should not be retained for any longer than necessary. The length of time data should be retained will depend upon the circumstances, including the reasons why personal data was obtained. Staff should adhere to the KCC Information Management Toolkit for Schools on KELSI with reference to the Record Retention Schedule, available at the following link: [http://www.kelsi.org.uk/\\_data/assets/word\\_doc/0012/60213/InformationManagementToolkitforSchoolsv4-2.docx](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/word_doc/0012/60213/InformationManagementToolkitforSchoolsv4-2.docx)

Personal information that is no longer required will be deleted in accordance with Cross Keys Learning Record Retention Schedule.

### **18. Data breaches**

A data breach may take many different forms:

- Loss or theft of data or equipment on which personal information is stored.
- Unauthorised access to or use of personal information either by a member of staff or third party
- Loss of data resulting from an equipment or systems (including hardware or software) failure
- Human error, such as accidental deletion or alteration of data
- Unforeseen circumstances, such as a fire or flood
- Deliberate attacks on IT systems, such as hacking, viruses, or phishing scams
- Blagging offences where information is obtained by deceiving the organisation which holds it

Cross Keys Learning must report a data breach to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) without undue delay and where possible within 72 hours if the breach is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals. The school must also notify the affected individuals if the breach is likely to result in a high risk to their rights and freedoms.

Staff should ensure they inform their line manager/DPO/Head teacher immediately that a data breach is discovered and make all reasonable efforts to recover the information, following the school's agreed breach reporting process.

### **19. Training**

The school will ensure that staff are adequately trained regarding their data protection responsibilities.

## **20. Consequences of a failure to comply.**

Cross Keys Learning takes compliance with this policy very seriously. Failure to comply puts data subjects whose personal information is being processed at risk and carries the risk of significant civil and criminal sanctions for the individual and the school and may in some circumstances amount to a criminal offence by the individual.

Any failure to comply with any part of this policy may lead to disciplinary action under the school's procedures and this action may result in dismissal for gross misconduct. If a non-employee breaches this policy, they may have their contract terminated with immediate effect.

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, you should contact your line manager or the school's DPO.

## **21. Review of Policy**

This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice or amendments made to the GDPR or DPA.

## **22. The Supervisory Authority in the UK**

Please follow this link to the ICO's website (<https://ico.org.uk/>) which provides detailed guidance on a range of topics including individuals' rights, data breaches, dealing with subject access requests, how to handle requests from third parties for personal data etc.

## **23. Complaints about the policy**

Complaints about procedures or accuracy of data will be dealt with in accordance with the Cross Keys Learning complaints policy. Complaints relating to information handling may be referred to the Information Commissioner (the statutory regulator). Further advice and information can be obtained from the Information Commissioner's Office, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

## **24. Glossary**

**Automated Decision-Making (ADM):** when a decision is made which is based solely on automated processing (including profiling) which produces legal effects or significantly affects an individual. The GDPR prohibits automated decision-making (unless certain conditions are met) but not automated processing.

**Automated Processing:** any form of automated processing of personal data consisting of the use of personal data to evaluate certain personal aspects relating to an individual, to analyse or predict aspects concerning that individual's performance at work, economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behaviour, location or movements. profiling is an example of automated processing.

**Consent:** agreement which must be freely given, specific, informed and be an unambiguous indication of the data subject's wishes by which they, by a statement or by a clear positive action, which signifies agreement to the processing of personal data relating to them.

**Data Controller** means the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data. It is responsible for establishing practices and policies in line with the GDPR. Cross Keys Learning is the Data Controller of all personal data relating to its pupils, parents and staff.

**Data Subject:** a living, identified or identifiable individual about whom we hold personal data. Data Subjects may be nationals or residents of any country and may have legal rights regarding their personal data.

**Data Privacy Impact Assessment (DPIA):** tools and assessments used to identify and reduce risks of a data processing activity. DPIA can be carried out as part of Privacy by Design and should be conducted for all major systems or business change programs involving the processing of personal data.

**Data Protection Officer (DPO):** the person required to be appointed in public authorities under the GDPR.

**EEA:** the 28 countries in the EU, and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**Explicit Consent:** consent which requires a very clear and specific statement (not just action).

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):** General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679). Personal data is subject to the legal safeguards specified in the GDPR.

**Personal data** is any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (data subject) who can be identified, directly or indirectly by reference to an identifier such as a name, identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person. Personal data includes sensitive personal data and pseudonymised personal data but excludes anonymous data or data that has had the identity of an individual permanently removed. Personal data can be factual (for example, a name, email address, location or date of birth) or an opinion about that person's actions or behaviour.

**Personal data breach** means a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data transmitted, stored, or otherwise processed.

**Privacy by Design:** implementing appropriate technical and organisational measures in an effective manner to ensure compliance with the GDPR.

**Privacy Notices:** separate notices setting out information that may be provided to Data Subjects when the school collects information about them. These notices may take the form of general privacy statements applicable to a specific group of individuals (for example, school workforce privacy policy) or they may be stand-alone privacy statements covering processing related to a specific purpose.

**Processing** means anything done with personal data, such as collection, recording, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, use, disclosure, dissemination or otherwise making available, restriction, erasure, or destruction.

**Processor** means a natural or legal person, public authority, agency, or other body which processes personal data on behalf of the data controller.

**Pseudonymisation or Pseudonymised:** replacing information that directly or indirectly identifies an individual with one or more artificial identifiers or pseudonyms so that the person, to whom the data relates, cannot be identified without the use of additional information which is meant to be kept separately and secure.

**Sensitive Personal Data:** information revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or similar beliefs, trade union membership, physical or mental health conditions, sexual life, sexual orientation, biometric or genetic data, and Personal data relating to criminal offences and convictions.

## Appendix 1

# Privacy Notice for Cross Keys Learning Kent Ltd

This notice explains what personal data (information) Cross Keys Learning hold about you, how we collect, how we use and may share information about you. We are required to give you this information under data protection law.

## Who is Cross Keys Learning?

Cross Keys Learning collects, uses and is responsible for certain personal information about you. When we do so we are regulated under the General Data Protection Regulation which applies across the European Union (including in the United Kingdom) and we are responsible as 'controller' of that personal information for the purposes of those laws. Our Data Protection Officer is Steve Fuller.

## The personal information Cross Keys Learning collect and use.

### Information collected by us:

While providing education, we collect the following personal information when you provide it to us:

Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details language, nationality, country of birth, and free school meal eligibility)

- Special category characteristics
  - Ethnicity
  - Special educational needs (SEN) information
  - Relevant medical information
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- Special educational needs (including identified needs in order of priority)
- Medical and administration (such as doctors' information, child health, allergies, medication, and dietary requirements)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- National curriculum assessment results
- Behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place).
- Personal information, special category information, assessment results and SEN information from schools that you previously attended.
- Service support and involvement information from KCC teams working to improve outcomes for children and young people (such as SEND, Early Help, Free School Meals, Admissions)

and for Looked After Students:

- episodes of being a child in need (such as referral information, assessment information, Section 47 information, Initial Child Protection information and Child Protection Plan information)
- episodes of being looked after (such as important dates, information on placements)

- outcomes for looked after children (such as whether health and dental assessments are up to date, strengths and difficulties questionnaire scores and offending)
- adoptions (such as dates of key court orders and decisions)
- care leavers (such as their activity and what type of accommodation they have)
- This list is not exhaustive, to access the current list of categories of information we process please contact our DPO.

## **How Cross Keys Learning use your personal information?**

We use your personal information to:

We collect and use student information, for the following purposes:

- a) to support student learning
- b) to monitor and report on student attainment and progress
- c) to support the in-year admissions process
- d) to provide appropriate pastoral care
- e) to assess and improve the quality of our services
- f) to keep students safe (general safeguarding, food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- g) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us
- h) to evaluate and improve our policies on children's social care

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

For the purposes of **(a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**, in accordance with the legal basis of public task: collecting the data is necessary to perform tasks that schools are required to perform as part of their statutory function.

For the purposes of **(f), (h)** in accordance with the legal basis of Vital interests: to keep children safe.

For the purposes of **(g)** in accordance with the legal basis of Legal obligation: data collected for DfE census information.

In addition, concerning any special category data, conditions **a, b, c, d** and **e** of GDPR - Article 9

## **How long your personal data will be kept with Cross Keys Learning?**

We will hold your personal information securely and retain it from the child/young person's date of birth until they reach the age of 25, after which the information is archived or securely destroyed.

## **Reasons Cross Keys Learning can collect and use your personal information?**

We collect and use pupil information under section 537A of the Education Act 1996, section.



83 of the Children Act 1989, and to carry out tasks in the public interest. If we need to collect special category (sensitive) personal information, we rely upon reasons of substantial public interest (equality of opportunity or treatment).

If there is processing or sharing that relies on your consent, we will make this clear to you and ensure we seek your consent.

## **Who Cross Keys Learning share your personal information with?**

- \* Department for Education (DfE) and other government agencies and local authorities as required
- \* Kent County Council teams working to improve outcomes for children and young people
- \* Commissioned providers of local authority services (such as education services)
- \* Schools or colleges that you attend after leaving us
- \* Local multi-agency forums which provide SEND advice, support, and guidance
- \* Partner organisations signed up to the Kent & Medway Information Sharing Agreement, where necessary, which may include Police, school nurses, doctors and mental health workers and Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust
- \* Schools in our local collaboration, to enable the moderation of pupil assessment outcomes, to support collaborative working through joint analysis, and ensure children continue to receive appropriate education provision
- \* Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for

We do not share information about our students, including our children in need or children looked after with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

## **Cross Keys Learning Students Aged 14+ qualifications.**

For pupils enrolling for post-14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us a pupil's unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about the pupil's learning or qualifications.

## **Cross Keys Learning students in Year 11**

We also provide additional pupil information to KCC to fulfil their responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19-year-olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996:

- \* Intended destinations of pupils in Year 11 moving into Year 12
- \* Course offers for pupils in Year 11 moving into Year 12 (September Guarantee)
- \* Information for Kent Choices4U (careers advice and course application website)

## **Cross Keys Learning students aged 16+**



We will share information about pupils aged 16+ with our local authority as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19-year-olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

Local Authorities have a legal responsibility to track all young people up to the age of 19 (and young adults with learning difficulties or disabilities up to the age of 25). The purpose of

collecting this information is to assist the planning of education and training for young people and the support services they require.

This information enables KCC to provide and arrange:

- \* post-16 education and training provision
- \* Youth support services
- \* Careers advice and guidance

### **The National Pupil Database (NPD)?**

The NPD is owned and managed by the DfE and contains information about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the DfE. It is held in electronic format for statistical purposes. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities, and awarding bodies.

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

The DfE may share information about our pupils from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- \* Conducting research or analysis
- \* Producing statistics
- \* Providing information, advice or guidance

The DfE has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- \* Who is requesting the data
- \* The purpose for which it is required
- \* The level and sensitivity of data requested: and
- \* The arrangements in place to store and handle the data

To be granted access to pupil information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

## **Your rights?**

Under the GDPR you have rights which you can exercise free of charge which allow you to:

- \* Know what we are doing with your information and why we are doing it
- \* Ask to see what information we hold about you (Subject Access Requests)
- \* Ask us to correct any mistakes in the information we hold about you
- \* Object to direct marketing
- \* Make a complaint to the Information Commissioners Office
- \* Withdraw consent (if applicable)

Depending on our reason for using your information you may also be entitled to:

- \* Ask us to delete information we hold about you
- \* Have your information transferred electronically to yourself or to another organisation
- \* Object to decisions being made that significantly affect you
- \* Object to how we are using your information
- \* Stop us using your information in certain ways

We will always seek to comply with your request however we may be required to hold or use your information to comply with legal duties. Please note: your request may delay or prevent us delivering a service to you.

For further information about your rights, including the circumstances in which they apply, see the guidance from the UK Information Commissioners Office (ICO) on individuals' rights under the General Data Protection Regulation.

If you would like to exercise a right, please contact Steve Fuller

## **Keeping your personal information secure**

We have appropriate security measures in place to prevent personal information from being accidentally lost or used or accessed in an unauthorised way. We limit access to your personal information to those who have a genuine business need to know it. Those processing your information will do so only in an authorised manner and are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We also have procedures in place to deal with any suspected data security breach. We will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected data security breach where we are legally required to do so.

## Who to Contact and Where to go for Further Information

Please contact Steve Fuller (DPO) to exercise any of your rights, or if you have a complaint about why your information has been collected, how it has been used or how long we have kept it for.

If you would like to get a copy of the information about you that KCC shares with the DfE or post-16 providers or how they use your information, please contact the Information Resilience and Transparency Team at [data.protection@kent.gov.uk](mailto:data.protection@kent.gov.uk).

For more information about services for children and young people, please go to: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children> or the KCC website at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)

The General Data Protection Regulation also gives you right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority. The supervisory authority in the UK is the Information Commissioner who may be contacted at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns> or telephone 03031 231113. For further information visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/about-the-website/privacy-statement>

For further information about how the Department for Education uses your information:

To find out more about the pupil information we share with the DfE, for the purpose of data collections, go to "<https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>".

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

For more information about the DfE's data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the department has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>