ATLAS Multi Academy Trust



Privacy Notice for Students (How we use student information)

This statement forms part of the General Data Protection Regulations Policy

St Albans Girls' School : Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery : Adeyfield School

1.	INTRODUCTION
1.1	This letter might be difficult for you to understand. You can ask your parents or another adult such as your teacher to help you understand it.
	It is about how we use information about you and what we do with it. We call this information about you 'personal data' or 'personal information.'
2	WHO WE ARE
2.1	Your school is part of the Multi Academy Trust called ATLAS and we have to tell you that ATLAS is the organisation which is in charge of your personal information. This means that ATLAS is called the Data Controller. The postal address of ATLAS is: ATLAS Multi Academy Trust St Albans Girl's School Sandridgebury Lane St Albans Herts AL3 6DB
	If you want to contact us about your personal information you can contact our Data Protection Officer who is Mathew Hall. You can speak to him in person at St Albans' Girls School or you can email him on mkh@stags.herts.sch.uk or send a letter by post to the above address.
3	CATEGORIES OF STUDENT INFORMATION
3.1	 The Categories of student information that we process include: Personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address) Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language) Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement) Special educational needs (including the needs and ranking) Medical and dietary (such as doctors information, dental, health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements) Attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous school attended)
	Assessment and attainment

Behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in Information about free school meals and pupil premium eligibility Information for catering management purposes (e.g. whether you have school dinners and how often) Biometric information for catering and learning, resources and for 6th form attendance We will also use photographs of you. More details about this are in our Photograph Policy. 4 YOUR ABILITY TO CONSENT TO HOW YOUR DATA IS USED 4.1 Generally if you are age 12 and under we will ask your parent or carer for consent to how your data is used, as it is deemed that you do not have adequate capacity to understand. We will ask you for consent once we think that you can understand what we are asking. By law we won't need parental consent if you can give it. However, we will sometimes involve your parents as it is part of their role of looking after you. 5 WHY WE COLLECT AND HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION 5.1 ATLAS collects and holds personal information relating to its students and may also receive information about them from their previous school, local authority and / or the Department for Education. We use this personal data to: support your learning monitor and report on your progress provide appropriate care for you; and assess the quality of our services to keep students safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details) to comply with the statutory duties placed on us by the Department for Education data collections This information will include your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, any exclusion information, where you go after you leave us and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group, any special educational needs you may have as well as relevant medical information. We will also use photographs of you. More details about this are in the School's Photograph Policy. When we collect personal information on our forms, we will make it clear whether there is a legal requirement for you / your parents to provide it, whether there is a legal requirement on the School / Academy Trust to collect it. If there is no legal requirement then we will explain why we need it and what the consequences are if it is not provided. We will also obtain information from your previous school, usually via a secure file transfer. ATLAS may make use of limited personal data (such as contact details) relating to students, and their parents or guardians for fundraising, marketing or promotional purposes and to maintain relationships with students of ATLAS, but only where consent has been provided to this. In particular, ATLAS may transfer information to any association society or club set up for the purpose of maintaining contact with students or for fundraising, marketing or promotional purposes relating to ATLAS but only where consent has been obtained first.

For students enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us the

unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about your learning or qualifications. The use of your information for these purposes is lawful for the following reasons: ATLAS 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 students. It is necessary for us to hold and use your information for the purposes of our functions in providing schooling and so we can look after our students. This is a function which is in the public interest because everybody needs to have an education. This means we have a real and proper reasons to use your information. We will not usually need your consent to use your information. However, if at any time it appears to us that we would like to use your personal data in a way which means that we would need your consent then we will explain to you what we want to do and ask you for consent. This is most likely to be where we are involved in activities which are not really part of our job as an Academy Trust / School but we are involved because we think it would benefit our students. If you give your consent, you may change your mind at any time. **HOW WE COLLECT PUPIL INFORMATION** 6 6.1 When we collect personal information on our forms we will make it clear whether there is a legal requirement for you / your parents to provide it, and whether there is a legal requirement on the School / Trust to collect it. If there is no legal requirement then we will explain why we need it and what the consequences are if it is not provided. We will also obtain information from your previous school, usually via secure file transfer from you previous school. 7 WHEN WE SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH OTHERS 7.1 Once students reach the age of 13, the law requires us to pass on certain information to Hertfordshire County Council who have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds. We may also share certain personal data relating to students aged 16 and over with post-16 education and training providers in order to secure appropriate services for them. A parent / guardian can request that only their child's name, address and date of birth be passed to Herefordshire County Council by contacting the School administrator. This right is transferred to the child once he / she reaches the age 16. For more information about services for young people, please go to our local authority website. We do share the following information with YC Hertfordshire to identify current students during one to one and in order to track the locations of where students then go: Date of Birth Address Further details supplied if appropriate include Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, English as and additional language, Child Protection, Children in Need, Collegiate Learning Assessment, Pupil Premium Grant We will not give information about students to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. If you want to receive a copy of the information about you that we hold, please contact: admin@stags.herts.sch.uk We are required, by law under Section 3 of the Education (Information about Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013, to pass certain information about our pupils to the Local Authority (LA). This is the part of the Government which is responsible for schools. This information may, in turn, then be made available for use by the Local Authority.

The DfE may also share information about students that we give to them, with other people or organisations. This will only take place where the law, including the law about data protection allows it.

8 THE NATIONAL PUPIL DATABASE

The National Pupil Database is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about students in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department for Education. 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 students to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the National Pupil Database. The law that allows this is the Education (Information about Individual Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the student information we share with the department, 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 National Pupil Database, go to https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information

The Department for Education may share information about our students from the National Pupil Database 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 Department for Education 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 Department for Education 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 student 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.

For more information about the department'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 student 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

9 OTHER TIMES WE SHARE YOUR DATA

9.1 We will also normally give information about you to your parents or your main carer. Where appropriate, we will listen to your views first. We will also take family circumstances into account, in particular where a Court has decided what information a parent is allowed to have.

We will also disclose your personal data to:

- Your new school if you move schools
- Disclosures connected with SEN support If appropriate
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- The NHS
- The local Authority
- Social Services
- Police

The information disclosed to these people / services will include sensitive personal information about you. Usually this means information about your health and any special educational needs or disabilities which you have. We do this because these people need the information so that they can support you.

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

- ATLAS 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 students and protect them from harm.
- It is necessary for us to disclose your information for the purposes of our functions in providing schooling. This is a function which is in the public interest.
- There is substantial public interest in disclosing your information because it is necessary to keep our pupils safe from harm.
- 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.

It is in your vital interests for your personal information to be passed to these people or services.

We do not normally transfer your information to a different country which is outside the European Economic Area. This would only happen if one of your parent lives abroad or if you move to a new school abroad. If this happens we will be very careful to make sure that it is safe to transfer your information. We will look at whether that other country has good data protection laws for example. If we cannot be sure that it is safe then we will talk to you and your parents about it and make sure that you are happy for us to send your information. As this is not something we normally do and we don't know which country we might need to send your information to, we cannot tell you more about it now but if we want to transfer

	your data to a different country then we will tell you whether or not we think it is safe and why we have decided that.
10	HOW LONG WE KEEP YOUR INFORMATION
10.1	We only keep your information for as long as we need to or for as long as the law requires us to. Most of the information we have about you will be in our student file. We usually keep these until your 25 th birthday unless you move to another school in which case we send your file to your new school. We have a policy which explains how long we keep information. It is called a Records Retention Policy and you can ask for a copy at reception.
11	YOUR RIGHTS
11.1	You have these rights: You can ask us for a copy of the information we have about you You can ask us to correct any information we have about you if you think it is wrong You can ask us to erase information about you (although we may have good reasons why we cannot do this) You can ask us to limit what we are doing with your information You can object to what we are doing with your information You can 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 General Data Protection Regulations Policy or you can ask the ATLAS Trust Business manager. You can ask for a copy of the policy at reception. You can complain about what we do with your personal information. If you are not happy with our answer to your complaint then you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office: Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 if you prefer to use a national rate number.