



**The Barlow RC High School  
& Specialist Science College**

## **Privacy Notice for Parents/Carers**

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing privacy notices to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **students**.

We, The Barlow RC High School and Specialist Science College of Parrs Wood Road, East Didsbury, Manchester. M20 6BX are the data controller for the purposes of data protection law

### **The personal data we hold**

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

- Personal information such as name, date of birth, contact details, contact preferences and identification documents
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, religion, language, and eligibility for free school meals)
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- Details of any Special Educational Needs
- Student and Curricular records
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests/examinations
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Behavioural information including exclusions
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers.
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in school
- Post 16 learning information.
- Biometric data

### **Why we use this data**

We use the student data to:

- Support student learning
- Monitor and report on student progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect student welfare
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research
- To comply with the law regarding data sharing

### **Our legal basis for using this data**

We only collect and use student's data when the law allows us. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation

- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest

Less commonly, we may also process student's personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where we have obtained consent to use student's personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using student personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

In addition, we may also process special categories of personal data where at least one of the following conditions are met:

- We have obtained explicit consent to use it in a certain way
- We need it for reasons of substantial public interest
- We need it to establish, exercise or defend legal claims
- We need it for statistical purposes.

### **Collecting this information**

While the majority of information we collect about students is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

### **How we store this data**

We keep personal information about students while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. The Information and Records Management Society's toolkit for schools sets out how long we keep information about students.

### **Data Sharing**

We do not share information about students with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with data protection law) we may share personal information about students with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions.
- The Department for Education
- The student's family and representatives
- Our governing body- to enable them to meet their obligations
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator e.g. Ofsted
- Diocese of Salford/Catholic Education Service
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- Financial organisations

- Central and local government
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts and tribunals
- Professional bodies
- schools that the students attend after leaving us
- relevant health service personnel e.g. school nurse

## **National Pupil Database**

We are required to provide information about students to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the *National Pupil Database (NPD)*, which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can be easily turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

The Department for Education may share information from the NPD with other organisations which promote children's education or wellbeing in England. Such organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use the data.

For more information, see the Department's webpage on how it collects and shares research data at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

You can also contact the Department for Education with any further questions about the NPD at <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

## **Youth support services**

Once our students reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information about them to Careers Connect on behalf of Manchester City Council as it has legal responsibilities regarding the education or training of 13-19 year-olds.

This information enables it to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers.

Parents/carers, or students once aged 16 or over, can contact our data protection officer to request that we only pass the individual's name, address and date of birth to Careers Connect on behalf of Manchester City Council.

## **Transferring data internationally**

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

## **Parents and students' 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.

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

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, and if we do hold information about you or your child, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- 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
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

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

If you would like to make a request please contact our data protection officer.

Parents/carers also have a legal right to access to their child's **educational record**. To request access, please contact our Data team by email on [data@thebarlowrhigh.co.uk](mailto:data@thebarlowrhigh.co.uk)

## Other rights

Under data protection law, individuals have certain 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.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office either online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>, by calling 0303 123 1113 or by writing 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** on [dpo@thebarlowrhigh.co.uk](mailto:dpo@thebarlowrhigh.co.uk)