Lawnswood School Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers
How We Use Your Personal Data

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal information that we hold about you. To comply with this, we provide a 'privacy notice' to you where we are processing your personal data. This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about you. We, Lawnswood School, 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 you includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details and contact preferences
- Bank details
- Photographs
- CCTV recordings captured in school

We may also collect, store and use information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes information about (where applicable):

- Characteristics, such as ethnicity, languages spoken and eligibility for certain benefits
- Family circumstances
- Physical and mental health, including medical conditions
- Support received, including care packages, plans and support providers

We may also hold data about you that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and social services.

Why we use this data

We use this data to:

- Report to you on your child's attainment and progress
- Allow you to monitor your child's attainment and progress
- Keep you informed about the running of the school (such as emergency closures) and events
- Process payments for school services and clubs
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Assess the quality of our services
- Carry out research
- Comply with our legal and statutory obligations

Use of your personal information for marketing purposes

Where you have given us consent to do so, Lawnswood may send you information by email or text promoting school events, campaigns, charitable causes or services that may be of interest to you. You can withdraw consent or 'opt out' by contacting the school directly.

Our legal basis for using this data

We will only collect and use your information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need to perform an official task in the public interest
- We need to fulfil a contract we have entered into with you

Less commonly, we may also process your personal data in situations where:

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

Where you have provided us with consent to use your data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent, and explain how you go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several grounds which mean we can use your data.

Collecting this information

While the majority of the information we collect from you is mandatory, there is some information that you can choose whether or not to provide to us.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice.

How we store this data

We keep personal information about you while your child is 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.

Our Data Protection Policy sets out how we store data and what measures are in place to avoid the unauthorised sharing of data. This is available by clicking here.

Data sharing

We do not share personal information about you with any third party without your 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 you with:

- Government departments or agencies – to meet our legal obligations to share information about students and their wellbeing.

- Our local authority – to meet our legal duties to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns.
- Our regulator (the organisation or "watchdog" that supervises such), such as Ofsted.
- Suppliers and service providers – so that they can provide the services we have contracted them for.
- Our auditors – to allow them to review our financial accounts and accounting activities.
- Health authorities – to enable them to administer emergency treatment and contact you in case of emergencies.
- Health and social welfare organisations – if there is an immediate concern about your child's welfare.
- Professional advisers and consultants – so that they can provide the services we have contracted them for.
- Police forces, courts, tribunals – where there is a legal obligation.

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.

Your rights - How to access personal information we hold about you

Individuals have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, 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
- 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

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

Your other rights regarding your data

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe. You have the right to:

- Object to the use of your personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing
- Object to the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than 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 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:

- 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:

Email: dpo@wntai.co.uk

This notice is based on the Department for Education's model privacy notice for pupils, amended for parents and carers and to reflect the way we use data in this school.