



Privacy notice for pupils

You have a legal right to be informed about how our College 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, **Albemarle Independent College**, 18 Dunraven Street, London, W1k 7FE are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our **data protection officer** is Steve Bailey (see 'Contact us' below).

The personal data we hold

You may find it helpful to refer to the [ICO's definitions of 'personal data' and 'special categories of personal data'](#) based on the General Data Protection Regulation.

We hold some personal information about you to make sure we can help you learn and look after you at our College.

For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – like other colleges, schools, the local council and the government.

This information includes:

- Your contact details
- Emergency contact details
- Parents or guardian's contact details
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Entry test results
- Personal details and curricular records
- Visa related details and documents
- Your attendance records
- Your characteristics, like your ethnic background, aptitude test results or any special educational needs
- Any medical conditions you have, including physical or mental health
- Details of any behaviour issues or exclusions
- Photographs
- CCTV images, stored for up to 14 days

- Data from EdTEch platforms

Why we use this data

We use this data to help run the College, including to:

- Get in touch with you and your parents when we need to
- Check how you're doing in exams and work out whether you or your teachers need any extra help
- Track how well the College as a whole is performing
- Look after your wellbeing

Our legal basis for using this data

You may wish to refer to the [*ICO's guidance on the lawful basis for processing*](#).

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

- We need to comply with the law
- We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (in order to provide you with an education)

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

- You, or your parents/guardians/carers have given us permission to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect your interests (or someone else's interest)

Where we have got permission to use your data, you or your parents/guardians/carers may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission, and explain how to go about withdrawing consent.

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 in most cases you, or your parents/guardians/carers, must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose whether or not to provide the data.

We will always tell you if it's optional. If you must provide the data, we will explain what might happen if you don't.

How we store this data

We will keep personal information about you while you are a pupil at our College. We may also keep it after you have left the College, where we are required to by law.

We have a **record retention schedule/records management policy** (available for viewing on our website) which sets out how long we must keep information about pupils.

Data sharing

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the College without permission from you or your parents/guardians/carers, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with:

- *Our local authority – to meet our legal duties to share certain information with it, such as concerns about pupils’ safety and exclusions*
- *The Department for Education (a government department)*
- *Your family and representatives*
- *Educators and examining bodies*
- *Our regulator (the organisation or “watchdog” that supervises us), ([specify as appropriate, e.g. ISI])*
- *Suppliers and service providers – so that they can provide the services we have contracted them for [e.g. FurlongSolutions who provides the College portal <http://www.furlongsolutions.com/>]*
- *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, tribunals*
- *Professional bodies*

EdTEch Platforms

Our college is committed to safeguarding personal data in our use of educational technology platforms, including AI-enabled and adaptive learning tools. We take all reasonable steps to ensure that our usage of these platforms is fully compliant with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, including ensuring that your data is processed responsibly and transparently, with only the necessary information collected for educational purposes. Access to data is carefully controlled, and we regularly review the security of our arrangements with all platforms in order to keep your information safe. In the unlikely event of a data breach, we will act quickly to resolve the issue. You also retain your rights to access, correct, or delete your personal data from third party platforms.

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections such as the College/school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#), which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how colleges/schools are performing. This, in turn, supports research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information it holds is collected securely from colleges, schools, local authorities, exam boards and others.

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

You can find more information about this on the Department for Education's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) if you have any questions about the database.

Transferring data internationally

Where we share data with an organisation that is based outside the European Economic Area, we will protect your data by following data protection law.

Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

You can find out if we hold any personal information about you, and how we use it, by making a **'subject access request'**, as long as we judge that you can properly understand your rights and what they mean.

If we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your parents
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know if we are using your data to make any automated decisions (decisions being taken by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- Give you a copy of the information

You may also ask us to send your personal information to another organisation electronically in certain circumstances.

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

Your other rights over your data

You have other rights over how your personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Say that you don't want it to be used if this would cause, or is causing, harm or distress
- Stop it being used to send you marketing materials

- Say that you don't want it used to make automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- Have it corrected, deleted or destroyed if it is wrong, or restrict our use of it
- Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way

Complaints

We take any complaints about how we collect and use your personal data very seriously, so please let us know if you think we've done something wrong.

You can make a complaint at any time by contacting our data protection officer.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in one of the following ways:

- 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**:

- Steve Bailey : steve@albemarle.org.uk