



Privacy Notice for Little Discoverers Nursery

This notice explains what personal data (information) we 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 are we?

Little Discoverers collects, uses and is responsible for certain personal information about you.

When we do so we are regulated under the General Data Protection Regulation the Data Protection Act 2018 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.

The personal information we collect and use

Information collected by us

In the course of providing education and care we collect the following personal information when you provide it to us:

- Personal information (such as name, date of birth, gender, home address and postcode)
- Special category characteristics (such as special educational needs (SEN) information, ethnicity, relevant medical information)
- Parents/Carers Information (such as name, date of birth, National Insurance or National Asylum Support Service Number)
- Financial eligibility information (such as 30 hours codes)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)

We also obtain personal information from other sources as follows:

- **SEND team**
- **Health visitors**
- **GP**
- **LOCAL Agencies**
- **LOCAL Authorities**

How we use your personal information

We use your personal information to:

- Check and calculate free entitlement
- Provide appropriate pastoral care and support services to children
- Provide funding
- Provide advice, support and guidance to the setting
- Enable financial and policy compliance checks of the setting
- Assess and improve the quality of our services
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing
- Safeguard children

How long your personal data will be kept

We will hold financial information securely and retain it for 7 years, after which the information is archived or securely destroyed.



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 we can collect and use your personal information

We collect and use personal information to comply with our legal obligations 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).

Who we share your personal information with

- Department for Education (DfE) (statutory for early years funding and policy monitoring)
- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (to provide funding)
- Other local authorities, or other early years settings, to resolve duplicate claims and funding queries
- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council teams working to improve outcomes for children and young people (ie. Early Years SEND Service, Early Years Quality Improvement Team)
- Commissioned providers of local authority services (such as education services)
- Schools that you attend after leaving us
- Partner organisations signed up to the North West Public Authorities and Partners Information Sharing Commitment, where necessary, which may include Police, school nurses, doctors and NHS Lancashire
- Contracted providers of services (such as external photographers and catering providers) where consent has been given

We will share personal information with law enforcement or other authorities if required by applicable law.

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

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.

Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in the National Pupil Database (NPD).

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education 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 Department.

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

The law allows the Department to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools
- local authorities
- researchers
- organisations connected with promoting the education or wellbeing of children in England
- other government departments and agencies
- organisations fighting or identifying crime



For more information about the Department's NPD 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) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with Home Office and the Police please visit the following website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>.

How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the Department:

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personalinformation-charter>.

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

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 Request)
- 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:

Nabeela Bhajji



Wisdom House, 92 Preston New Rd, Blackburn BB2 6BH
Phone: 01254 290244

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 **Nabeela Bhaiji** 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 Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council shares with the DfE or how they use your information, please contact the Council's Data Protection Officer (DPO) at accesstoinformation@blackburn.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 <http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages//Privacy-policy.aspx>.

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/guidance/early-years-census>.

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