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Fair Processing Notice

Blakeney and Pillowell Primary Schools processes personal data about its pupils and is a “data controller” in

respect of this for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. It processes this data to:

- support its pupils’ teaching and learning;
- monitor and report on their progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well the school as a whole is doing.

This data includes contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs, any relevant medical information.

This data may only be used or passed on for specific purposes allowed by law. From time to time the school is required to pass on some of this data to local authorities, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and to agencies that are prescribed by law, such as the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), Ofsted, the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), the Department of Health (DH), Primary Care Trusts (PCT), organisations that require access to data in the Learner Registration System as part of the MIAP (Managing Information Across Partners) programme and Connexions (see below). All these are data controllers in respect of the data they receive, and are subject to the same legal constraints in how they deal with the data.

The School may also send information about pupils to a third party organisation called S-cool Limited for the provision of software products delivered over the internet that can help the pupil to identify qualities, skills and ambitions and help them to plan their work experience, education and career. The information required by S-cool Limited includes the pupil first name, surname, date of birth, and ethnicity (only used for aggregated reporting purposes).

The Fair Processing Notice has been prepared at a time of change with the restructuring of the Department for Education and Skills and the Department of Trade and Industry into three new Departments: the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulator Reform (DBERR). It may be that, during the forthcoming year, steps will be taken to enable the DCSF to match individual pupil information with higher and further education attainment data held by the DIUS.

Pupils, as data subjects, have certain rights under the Data Protection Act, including a general right to be given access to personal data held about them by any data controller. The presumption is that by the age of 12 a child has sufficient maturity to understand their rights and to make an access request themselves if they wish. A parent would normally be expected to make a request on a child’s behalf if the child is younger.

If you wish to access your personal data, or that of your child, then please contact the relevant organisation in writing. Details of these organisations can be found on the following website www.gloUCEstershire.gov.uk/dataprotection or for those pupils/parents where this is not practical, a hard copy can be obtained from the School Office.

Your attention is drawn to (Layer 2) of this Fair Processing Notice, which gives greater details of how the pupil data is processed by the organisations above and the rights of parents and pupils. This can be obtained by visiting www.gloUCEstershire.gov.uk/dataprotection or by requesting a hard copy from the school using the details above.