



## READING BLUE COAT

### Privacy Notice for all Pupils – September 2021

#### Key Information

This section contains the key information about how and why we collect your personal information and what we do with that information.

Personal information is information that identifies you and relates to you. For example, information about how well you are doing at School and any information that we need to take care of you. Photographs and videos of you also count as your personal information.

We encourage you to read the rest of this privacy notice which follows on from this introduction. This Notice applies to all pupils at Reading Blue Coat School.

The full version includes additional points, such as:

- the rights you have in your information including what decisions you can make about your information;
- for how long the School retains your personal information; and
- our legal grounds for using your personal information.

Our primary reason for using your personal information is to provide you with an education. We set out below, examples of the different ways in which we use your personal information and where that personal information comes from.

- Admissions forms give us lots of personal information. We get information from you, your parents, your teachers and other pupils. Your old school also gives us information about you so that we can teach and care for you.
- Sometimes we get information from your doctors and other professionals where we need this to look after you.
- We may need to report some of your information to the government (e.g. the Department for Education). We will need to tell the local authority that you attend the School, if you leave the School, or to let them know if we have any concerns about your welfare.
- We will share your academic and (where fair) your behaviour records with your parents or guardian so they can support your schooling.
- We may use photographs or videos of you for the School's website, social media sites, prospectus or School publications to show prospective pupils what we do here and to advertise the School. We may continue to use these photographs and videos after you have left the School. Sometimes we use photographs and videos for teaching purposes, for example, to record a drama lesson.

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- We publish our public exam results, sports fixtures and other news on the website and put articles and photographs in the local news to tell people about what we have been doing.
- We use CCTV to make sure the School site is safe. CCTV is not used in private areas such as changing rooms.
- We will send you information to keep you up to date with what is happening at the School. For example, by sending you information about events and activities taking place (including fundraising events) and the School newsletter.
- We will keep your contact details when you leave so we can send you news from the School and find out how you are getting on.

At the end of your time at the School you will automatically become a member of the alumni organisation which is called the Reading Blue Coat Community and which encompasses the Reading Old Blues Association. We will therefore pass your contact details on to the Community and further information at [Privacy Notice for the Community](#)

If you have any questions about how we use your personal information, please speak to your Head of Year or Director of Section. Alternatively, you can speak to your parents who will talk to us on your behalf.

The full privacy notice follows on the next page.

## Privacy Notice for all Pupils – September 2021

### Introduction

This notice is to help you understand how and why we collect your personal information and what we do with that information. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your own information.

If you have any questions about this notice please talk to Your Head of Year or Director of Section

### What is "personal information"?

Personal information is information that the School holds about you and which identifies you. This includes information such as your name, date of birth and address, as well as things like exam results, medical details and behaviour records. We will also hold information such as your religion or ethnic group for the purposes of reporting purposes. CCTV, photos and video recordings of you are also personal information.

### How and why does the School collect and use your personal information?

We set out below, examples of the different ways in which we use personal information and where this personal information comes from.

1. The School's primary reason for using your personal information is to provide you with an education.
2. The School will also use your personal information to safeguard and promote your welfare and the welfare of others (for example, so that we can look after you if you are hurt).

Admissions forms give us lots of personal information. We get information from you, your parents, your teachers and other pupils. Your old school also gives us information about you so that we can teach and care for you.

Sometimes we get information from your doctors and other professionals where we need this to look after you.

3. We will use information about you during the admissions process e.g. when marking your entrance exams and learning more about you from your parents before you join the School. We may let your old school know if you have been offered a place at the School.
4. We need to tell the appropriate teachers and the Catering Contractor (Sodexo) if you are allergic to something or have a health issue.
5. We will need to tell your teachers if you have special educational needs or need extra help with some tasks.
6. We will need to share information about you (e.g. about your health and wellbeing) with the School Nurses, Counsellor or Chaplains.
7. Where appropriate, the School will have information about your religious beliefs and practices. For example, if you do not eat certain foods.
8. We use CCTV to make sure the School site is safe. CCTV is not used in private areas such as changing rooms.
9. We will be told if you receive free school meals so that we can provide these.
10. We record your attendance and if you have time away from the School we record the reason(s) why.

11. We will need to report some of your information to the government (e.g. the Department for Education). We will need to tell the local authority that you attend the School, if you leave the School, or to let them know if we have any concerns about your welfare.
12. We are legally required to provide the Department for Education with certain information about you and your classmates. Some of this information will be stored on the National Pupil Database. Organisations can request information from the National Pupil Database which includes information about you. But they are only allowed to do this for limited purposes and they must be very careful about how they use your information. More information can be found [here](#).
13. We may need to share information about you with the Health and Safety Executive (a government organisation) if there is a health and safety issue at the School.
14. The School is a charity, which means that we may need to share your information with the Charity Commission which checks how we are behaving as a charity.
15. We will need information about any court orders or criminal matters which relate to you. This is so that we can safeguard your welfare and wellbeing and the other pupils at the School.
16. If you are from another country we have to make sure that you have the right to study in the UK. Sometimes the government will ask us to provide information as part of our reporting requirements. In addition to this, we have a duty to provide information about you to UK Visas and Immigration who are part of the government.
17. Depending on where you will go when you leave us, we will provide your information to other schools, colleges and universities or potential employers. For example, we will share information about your exam results and provide references.
18. We may pass on information to your next school which they need to look after you; for example, information about any concerns we have had about your welfare.
19. When you take public examinations (e.g. GCSEs) we will need to share information about you with examination boards. For example, if you require extra time in your exams.
20. The Learning Records Service (which is part of the government) will give us your unique learning number. We may receive details about you (e.g. your qualifications) from the Learning Records Service.
21. We will provide your information to the local authority so that they can provide careers advice. We may also share your information with the provider of youth support services.
22. The School is sometimes inspected to make sure that we are continuing to be a good school. We will have to make your information available to the inspectors to help them to carry out their job.
23. If someone makes a complaint about how the School has behaved, we may need to use your information to deal with this appropriately. For example, if your parents complain that we have not looked after you properly.
24. We may need to share information about you with the police or our legal advisers if something goes wrong, or to help with an enquiry. For example, if one of your classmates is injured at School or if there is a burglary.

25. We use consultants, experts and other advisors to assist the School in fulfilling its obligations and to help run the School properly. We will share your information with them if this is relevant to their work.
26. If you have misbehaved in a serious way, and the police have become involved, we will need to use information about the action taken by the police.
27. We may share some information with our insurance company to make sure that we have the insurance cover that we need.
28. We will share your academic and (where fair) your behaviour records with your parents or guardian so they can support your schooling.
29. We will monitor your use of email, the internet and mobile electronic devices e.g. iPads, through the school network. This monitoring is sometimes carried out using computer software.
30. In certain circumstances we may look at the content of your communications (e.g. emails and text messages) on the School network.
31. When you are onsite we may monitor and look at your use of technology (e.g. your use of your phone) to check that you and your classmates are not misbehaving, at risk of harm or for other good reasons.
32. We may use photographs or videos of you for the School's website and social media sites or prospectus to show prospective pupils what we do here and to advertise the School. We may continue to use these photographs and videos after you have left the School.
33. Sometimes we use photographs and videos for teaching purposes, for example, to record a drama lesson.  
If you have concerns about us using photographs or videos of you, please speak to Your Head of Year or Director of Section.
34. We publish our public exam results, sports fixtures and other news on the website and put articles and photographs in the local news to tell people about what we have been doing.
35. We will keep details of your address when you leave so we can send you the annual Old Blues News and find out how you are getting on. We also use your details to administer the alumni organisation including the Reading Old Blues' Association. Further information on the alumni association can be found [here](#)
36. The School must make sure that our computer network is working well and is secure. This may involve information about you, for example, our anti-virus software might scan files containing information about you.

We will only share your information with other people and organisations when we have a good reason to do so. In exceptional circumstances we may need to share it more widely than we would normally.

We sometimes use contractors to handle personal information on our behalf. The following are examples:

- a. IT consultants who might access information about you when checking the security of our IT network; and
- b. third party "cloud computing" services to store some information rather than the information being stored on hard drives located on the School site.

- c. Sodexo, the School catering contractor, so that they are aware of dietary preferences and allergies.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please speak to Your Head of Year or Director of Section.

### **Our legal grounds for using your information**

This section contains information about the legal grounds that we are relying on when handling your information as described above.

#### Legitimate interests

This means that the School is using your information when this is necessary for the School's legitimate interests or someone else's legitimate interests. We won't rely on these grounds when your interests and fundamental rights override our legitimate interests. Specifically, the School has a legitimate interest in:

- Providing you with an education and making sure that you are behaving properly.
- Complying with our agreement with your parents for you to be at the School.
- Looking after you, your classmates and our staff (e.g. your teachers).
- Keeping the school buildings safe.
- Making sure that the School is well managed and that we protect the School's reputation.
- Telling people about the School and what we do here e.g. we may use photographs of you in our prospectus, on our website or in our social media.
- Ensuring that all relevant legal obligations of the School are complied with (for example in relation to inspections).
- Using your information in connection with legal disputes.
- Improving the School e.g. if we want to raise money to build new buildings or to make sure that we are providing you and your classmates with a good schooling experience.

In addition, your personal information may be processed for the legitimate interests of others. For example, we may use information about you when investigating a complaint made by one of your fellow pupils.

The School is relying on legitimate interests for all of the 36 purposes listed above on pages 3 to 8 except for purpose number 12.

#### Legal obligation

The School might need to use your information in order to comply with a legal obligation, for example, to report a concern about your wellbeing to Children's Services. We will also have to disclose your information to third parties such as the courts, the local authority or the police where legally obliged to do so.

Legal obligation is relevant to the following purposes listed above: 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24 and 26.

#### Vital interests

In limited circumstances we may use your information to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of someone else (e.g. if you or they are seriously hurt).

Performance of a task carried out in the public interest (or carrying out public tasks)

This applies where what we are doing is for the benefit of people generally. The following are examples of where this applies:

- providing you and others with an education;
- safeguarding and promoting your welfare and the welfare of your classmates;
- facilitating the efficient operation of the School; and
- ensuring that we comply with all of our legal obligations.

The School is carrying out a public task in respect of the 36 purposes listed above except numbers: 12, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36.

With three exceptions the School does not actively collect Special Categories of Personal Information; i.e. racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, genetic information, biometric information, health information, and information about sex life or orientation. However this may be collected individually, for example;

- in an email from your parents;
- in relation to your dietary requirements,
- in relation to treatment you receive in the medical centre of the administration of medicine;
- From notes made by a member of staff following a conversation with you.

In all of these cases the School holds this information in accordance with the reasons in the box below. The three exceptions are as follows:

**Religion** This is collected to assist the School when organising trips or assemblies.

**Health Information** The School collects information on your health including your allergies and learning disabilities prior to you starting school. This information is solely for the purposes of providing you with a safe and healthy environment and for providing the appropriate adjustments that you may require at school and in your schooling.

**Biometric Data** The School collects biometric data which is used to program the finger print reader in the dining hall. In this case the information is solely used as necessary for the purposes of managing Time efficient/pre-paid purchase of food in the School's canteen. The data, is a series of measurements of one finger print, convert into a template stored on the system. An image of your finger print is not stored. Once you stop using the biometric recognition system, your information is securely deleted by the School. Further information is available in our Biometric Policy.

Substantial public interest

The School is allowed to use special categories of personal information where doing so is necessary in the substantial public interest. This is similar to "public interest" in the table above. For example, the School will use information about your health to look after you. We may also use other types of special category personal data about you to provide you with an education, to look after you and your classmates or when the School is inspected. The School is carrying out a public task in respect all of the 36 purposes listed above except numbers: 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36.

### Employment and social protection and social security law

There will be times when the School needs to use your information because we are an employer (e.g. we employ your teachers). Also the School will use your information to comply with social protection law (e.g. to look after you) and social security laws. The School is relying on these grounds for the following purposes in particular: 2, 6, 11, 18 and 26.

### Vital interests:

In limited circumstances we may use your information to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of someone else (e.g. if you or they are seriously hurt).

### Legal claims:

We are allowed to use your information if this is necessary in relation to legal claims. For example, this allows us to share information with our legal advisors and insurers. This applies whenever sharing special category data is necessary in relation to legal claims and is relevant to purposes 24 and 27 in particular.

### Medical purposes

This includes medical treatment and the management of healthcare services. This applies to the following purposes especially: 2 and 6.

## **Criminal offence information**

In exceptional circumstances, we may use information about criminal convictions or offences. We will only do this where the law allows us to. This will usually be where such processing is necessary to carry out our obligations and to look after our pupils.

## **Multiple legal grounds**

As you will see from the table above, in some cases we will rely on more than one ground for a particular use of your information. For example we will rely on legitimate interests and public interest grounds when using your information to look after you and your classmates and when providing you with an education.

The ground that we will rely on for a particular purpose may vary depending on the circumstances. For example, if we decide to tell the local authority something about a pupil because we are worried about their welfare, sometimes this will be because we have a legal obligation to do so, but on other occasions we may tell the local authority because we are worried about the pupil, even if we don't have a legal obligation to report something (in which case we would be relying on legitimate interests and public interests).

## **Consent**

We may ask for your consent to use your information in certain ways as an alternative to relying on any of the grounds in the table above. If we ask for your consent to use your personal information, you can take back this consent at any time.

Any use of your information before you withdraw your consent remains valid. Please speak to Your Head of Year or Director of Section if you would like to withdraw any consent that you have given.

## **Sending information to other countries**

We may send your information to countries which do not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is in the UK. For example, we may store your information on cloud computer storage based overseas. In addition there may be occasions where



information is provided to schools in other countries, for example when parents re-locate but this would be at the parents' request.

The European Commission has produced a list of countries which have adequate data protection rules. The list can be found [here](#).

If the country that we are sending your information to is not on the list, or is not a country within the EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland), then it might not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is in the UK.

We will provide you with details about the safeguards which we have in place outside of this privacy notice. If you have any questions about the safeguards that are in place, please contact the Bursar.

### **For how long do we keep your information?**

We keep your information for as long as we need to in order to educate and look after you. We will keep some information after you have left the School, for example, a record of your examination results.

In exceptional circumstances we may keep your information for a longer time than usual, but we would only do so if we had a good reason and only if we are allowed to do so under data protection law.

We can keep information about you for a very long time or even indefinitely if we need this for historical, research or statistical purposes. For example, if we consider the information might be useful if someone wanted to write a book about the School.

For more information on our Records Retention Policy please contact your Head of Year or Director of Section.

### **What decisions can you make about your information?**

From 25 May 2018 you will be able to make various decisions about your information. Some of these are new rights, whilst others build on your existing rights. Some of your rights are listed as follows:

- **Rectification:** if information is incorrect you can ask us to correct it.
- **Access:** you can also ask what information we hold about you and be provided with a copy. This is commonly known as making a subject access request. We will also give you extra information, such as why we use this information about you, where it came from and what types of people we have sent it to.
- **Deletion:** you can ask us to delete the information that we hold about you in certain circumstances. For example, where we no longer need the information.
- **Portability:** you can request the transfer of your information to you or to a third party in a format that can be read by computer in certain circumstances.
- **Restriction:** our use of information about you may be restricted to simply storing it in some cases. For example, if you tell us that the information is inaccurate we can only use it for limited purposes while we check its accuracy.
- **Object:** you may object to us using your information where:

- we are using it for direct marketing purposes e.g. to send you information on fund raising events;
- the legal ground on which we are relying is either legitimate interests or performance of a task carried out in the public interest. Please see the section "Our legal grounds for using your information" above;
- we are using it for historical or scientific research purposes or archiving purposes. For example, we may keep photographs of your class for historical reasons.

Your Head of Year or Director of Section can give you more information about your data protection rights.

### **Further information and guidance**

This notice is to explain how we look after your personal information. Your Head of Year or Director of Section can answer any questions which you might have.

Please speak to Your Head of Year or Director of Section if:

- you object to us using your information for marketing purposes e.g. to send you information about school events. We will stop using your information for marketing purposes if you tell us not to; or
- you would like us to update the information we hold about you; or
- you would prefer that certain information is kept confidential.

The Bursar is in charge of the School's data protection compliance. You can ask Your Head of Year or Director of Section to speak to the Bursar, or speak to the Bursar yourself.

Alternatively, you can ask your parents to speak to us on your behalf if you prefer.

If you consider that we have not acted properly when using your personal information you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office: [ico.org.uk](https://ico.org.uk).