

General Data Protection Regulation GDPR

NHS Track and Trace Use Privacy Notice for Families

As children return to school to start a new year, we continue working hard to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, staff and families. We have put measures in place within our school but we are very much aware our responsibilities continue outside the school gates.

A key part of the Government's measures to manage coronavirus is the use of the NHS Track and Trace scheme. As with all schools, we hold a lot of data and we may, on occasions, need to share some of the data we hold on request from a member of the NHS Track and Trace team.

As a school, we will share the requested data as part of our obligation to support the Government's strategy. This means it is likely we will be asked to provide contact details if a case of coronavirus is either confirmed or suspected in our school.

We will be sharing this information on the basis of Public Duty. If we are required to share any health details, we will do this as it is necessary for the public interest.

Please be assured we will keep a record of any information we share and will store this data within the government recommended guidelines.

If you have any questions, please do contact the school office.

NHS Track and Trace and the Law

Details on the use of the Track and Trace app, including what happens to the data collected, can be found at this dedicated website:

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

Please note: this notice should be read alongside our other GDPR and Data Protection notices available from our website.

The law on protecting personally identifiable information, known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), allows Public Health England to use the personal information collected by NHS Test and Trace.

The section of the GDPR that applies is:

Article 6(1)(e) 'processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller'

As information about health is a special category of personal information, a further section of the GDPR applies:

Article 9(2)(i) 'processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of healthcare'

Public Health England also has special permission from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to use personally identifiable information without people's consent where this is in the public interest. This is known as 'Section 251' approval and includes the use of the information collected by NHS Test and Trace to help protect the public from coronavirus. The part of the law that applies here is Section 251 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the associated Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.