



Schools Privacy Notice

(UK General Data Protection Regulations – UK GDPR)

Ysgol Meifod

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Powys School/Early Years Provider Privacy Notice:

1. Introduction:

In accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR), this notice sets out what Ysgol Meifod – indicated as “The School”, the Local Authority – indicated as “Powys County Council/The Council/PCC” and Welsh Government – indicated as “WG”, does with the education-related information that it receives about children and young people.

COVID-19: Please note that under Regulation 3 of the Health Protection (Local Authority Powers) (Wales) Regulations 2010, the head teacher at a school is required to provide the names, addresses and contact telephone numbers of all pupils in their School, or any group of pupils attending that School, when certain circumstances apply. For example, when there is reason to believe that there is or has recently been a person on the School's premises who is or may be infected. Therefore, if your child is absent from school with suspected COVID-19 then this information will be passed on to Powys County Council for them to monitor any possible cluster areas.

2. Background:

Ysgol Meifod collects information about children and young people and their parents or legal guardians when children and young people enrol at the School. The School also collects information at other key times during the school year and may receive information from other schools or early years providers when children and young people transfer.

The School processes the information it collects to administer the education it provides to children and young people. For example:

- the provision of educational services to individuals
- monitoring and reporting on pupils'/children's educational progress
- the provision of welfare, pastoral care and health services
- the giving of support and guidance to children and young people, their parents and legal guardians
- the organisation of educational events and trips and to inform you about events and other things happening in the school
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- the planning and management of the school
- Making use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the school website and on social media channels
- Security purposes, including CCTV.

Powys County Council collects information about children and young people and their parents or legal guardians when children and young people apply for admission to the School. The Council also has access to data collected by the School for the same reasons listed above and for the following additional purposes:

- to monitor, challenge and provide support to schools to improve performance and set credible targets
- to support schools in the services delivered to children and young people
- to inform and support services provided by the Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) and the Powys Youth Service to young people and their families
- to carry out research and inform policy decisions including funding for schools and early years providers

- to monitor the quality and scope of data held by schools and provide support to ensure the data held about children and young people is accurate and up to date.

The School's lawful basis for collecting and processing pupil information is defined under Article 6 of the GDPR, and the following sub-paragraphs apply:

- A) Data subject gives consent for one or more specific purposes.
- B) Processing is necessary to comply with the legal obligations of the controller.
- C) Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject.
- D) Processing is necessary for tasks in the public interest or exercise of authority vested in the controller (the provision of education).

The following sub-paragraphs of Article 9 of the GDPR, relating to personal data deemed sensitive or special, also applies:

- A) The data subject has given explicit consent.
- B) The processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations of the Data Controller (the School) or the data subject in the field of social protection law.
- C) It is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject.
- D) Reasons of public interest in the area of public health.
- E) For the provision of Social Care.
- F) It is in the public interest.

As data controllers, the School and Powys County Council use the information received for the purposes listed to enable them to carry out data processing necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and in the exercise of official authority.

In addition, the WG receives information on pupils directly from Schools normally as part of statutory data collections which consists of the following:

- Post-16 data collection
- Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC)
- Educated other than at school (EOTAS) pupil level collection
- National data collection (NDC)
- Attendance collection
- Welsh National Tests (WNT) data collection

In addition to the data collected as part of PLASC, the Welsh Government and Local Authorities also receive information regarding National Curriculum assessments, public examination results, and attendance data at individual pupil level which comes from Schools and /or Awarding Bodies (E.g., WJEC).

3. What information is held by the School?

The sort of personal information that will be held includes:

- personal details such as name, address, date of birth, child/young person identifiers and contact details for parents and guardians; photographs (including images of pupils engaging in school activities)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal eligibility)
- details about children's and young people's immigration status (this is used only to prepare summary statistical analyses)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)

- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- assessment and attainment (such as key stage and results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- information about the involvement of social services with individual children and young people where this is needed for the care of the child/young person
- We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Welsh Government.

4. Who does the School and Powys County Council share your information with?

Information held by the School and Powys County Council on children and young people, their parents or legal guardians may also be shared with other organisations when the law allows and providing all appropriate steps are taken to keep the information secure, for example:

- other education and training bodies, including schools, when children and young people are applying for courses or training, transferring schools or seeking guidance on opportunities
- bodies doing research for the Welsh Government, Local Authority and schools as long as steps are taken to keep the information secure
- central and local government for the planning and provision of educational services
- social services and other health and welfare organisations where there is a need to share information to protect and support individual children and young people, including Police Forces, Courts and Tribunals and security organisations
- management Information System (MIS) providers in order to ensure that system functionality and accuracy is maintained
- the Council's approved suppliers of the schools 'cashless' system to ensure all pupils, parents & guardians with parental responsibility and school staff are able to use it as appropriate
- Powys Teaching Health Board to support the provision of an effective School Nurse Service and other related health services for young people and their families
- FFT Education Research Trust (<https://fft.org.uk/about-fft/>) for the maintenance of the secure on-line FFT Aspire resource for schools enabling thorough self-evaluation using extensive progress measures and effective target-setting for pupil achievement
- GL Assessment (<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/about-us/>) for the administration of annual cognitive ability tests (CATs) and other similar diagnostic tools to support individual learning
- Mid Wales Partnership and directly with Welsh Government to support regional statistical analysis as required by Welsh Government.
- various regulatory bodies, such as ombudsmen and inspection authorities, where the law requires that information be passed on so that they can do their work;
- the Office of National Statistics (ONS) in order to improve the quality of migration and population statistics.
- The WJEC exam board.

Information is also shared with Careers Wales in accordance with the provisions laid down in The Education Act 1997 (Section 43 & 44) and The Learning & Skills Act 2000 (Sections 123 & 138).

4.1. Sharing Personal Information with Curriculum-based Software Suppliers:

The School may provide limited personal (but not sensitive) information to external companies providing a curriculum-based resource (which may be online) which is deemed to have educational value. In these circumstances the School will ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to preserve the security of the data in line with current legislation and that the external supplier meets all legal requirements regarding the handling of this data as specified in a formal written agreement between the School and the supplier.

The School will endeavour to ensure that information is kept accurate at all times. Personal information will not be sent outside the United Kingdom unless it is protected by the enhanced security arrangements associated with the Welsh Government's digital learning platform – 'Hwb'. Details are available at: <https://hwb.gov.wales/privacy>.

Companies and their applications currently used by the School in this way are:

- a) Pearson – for the teaching of Maths.

5. How long will this data be kept for?

Your School, Powys County Council and WG will keep this data until the pupil's 25th birthday or for the duration of the criteria which underpin the statutory regulation. After this point data will be anonymised in line with best practices and used only for statistical and research purposes.

6. Your rights under the GDPR.

Under the GDPR, parents and pupils have 8 rights:

- 1. The right to be informed.**
 - You have the right to be informed about how and why your information is being used which is information provided in *privacy notices*.
- 2. The right of access.**
 - You have the right to request and receive a copy of your personal information that is being processed, otherwise known as a Subject Access Request (SAR).
- 3. The right to rectification.**
 - You have the right to have your personal information corrected or completed if you feel it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- 4. The right to erasure.**
 - You have the right to request that your personal information is deleted. (This right is sometimes referred to as the 'right to be forgotten').
- 5. The right to restrict processing.**
 - You have the right to request the restriction or suppression of the processing of your personal data.
- 6. The right to data portability**
 - You have the right to obtain and reuse your personal information for your own purposes across different services.
- 7. The right to object**
 - You have the right to object to the processing of your personal information.
- 8. Rights in relation to automated decision-making including profiling**
 - This relates to automated decision-making without human involvement. You have the right to restrict automated decisions.

Whilst individuals have the *right* to exercise any of the above, it must be noted this is not an automatic right to comply with the request. Each request shall be considered on its own merits and in its own context.

7. Our Contact:

Your School:	Ysgol Meifod, Meifod, Powys, SY22 6DF
Phone:	01938 500300
Email Address:	office@meifod.powys.sch.uk
Powys County Council:	Data Protection Officer Information Compliance Team County Hall Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5LG

To contact the Information Commissioner's Office, please see details below:

Information
Commissioner's
Office:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow, Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone - Helpline:

029 2067 8400 (Wales helpline) or 0303 123 1113
(UK helpline)

Website:

www.ico.org.uk