

## FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE (Layer 1) -summary

**The School** processes personal data about its pupils and is a “data controller” in respect of this for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1988. 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 and 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 Education and Skills (DfES) 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). 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 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 Regulatory Reform (DBERR). It may be that, [during the period covered by this FPN], 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 full text of the Fair Process Notice, which is on SiX [www.six.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.six.somerset.gov.uk) or for those pupils/parents where this is not practical, a hard copy can be obtained from the School

Your attention is drawn to (Layer 2) of this Fair Processing Notice, which gives supplementary information about the processing of pupil data by the organisations mentioned above, and to the Full Notice (Layer 3) which gives greater details of how the pupil data is processed and the rights of parents and pupils which can be found on SiX or via the School’s website or a hard copy is available on request to the school.

### **Text Messaging to Parents**

The School has a duty of care to all of their pupils, and this care comes into being everyday at the start of the school day and whilst the pupil is on school premises. In order to assist with this duty this school has made the decision to use a text messaging service to communicate more easily on a number of subjects involving their children, such as First Day Absence, Emergency Closure, Reminders of Holidays and Events.

To inform parents or designated carers of important issues the Text Messaging Service will send a standard text message to the designated mobile phone number. Apart from the contact telephone number and the pupil’s first name, no other personal data will be retained by the Texting Company.

If you require any further information please contact the School.