

PRIVACY NOTICE

WHO WE ARE

We are Tonbridge School a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Our company registration number is 4787097 and our registered office is at Tonbridge School, High Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1JP; our registered charity number is 1097977. Some of our activities are undertaken by our wholly owned subsidiary Tonbridge Services Limited (registered number 01774458), or our subsidiary the Tonbridge School Foundation (TSF) (Charity Number 1099162). The School operates two schools, Tonbridge School and The New Beacon in Sevenoaks. The New Beacon is not a separate legal entity or a separate data controller, and this Privacy Notice applies at both.

WHAT THIS PRIVACY NOTICE IS FOR

This Privacy Notice is intended to provide information about how the School will use (or "process") personal data about individuals including: its staff; its current, past and prospective pupils (referred to in this policy as "pupils") and their parents, carers or guardians (referred to in this policy as "parents"); and other users of the School's facilities and members of the School community. This information is provided because Data Protection Law gives individuals rights to understand how their data is used. In this Notice, "Data Protection Law" means the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018, as amended by the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025. Staff, pupils, parents and other members of the School community are all encouraged to read this Privacy Notice and understand the School's obligations to its entire community. However, the School has a separate Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice applicable to its employees, volunteers, governors and service providers.

This Privacy Notice applies alongside any other information the School may provide about a particular use of personal data, for example when collecting data via an online or paper form. This Privacy Notice also applies in addition to the School's other relevant terms and conditions and policies, including:

- Any contract between the School and its staff or the parents of pupils;
- Any policies or notices applicable to staff concerning the handling of personal data;
- The School's policy on Taking, Storing and Using Images of Pupils;
- The School's CCTV Policy;
- The School's Record Keeping Policy;
- The School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Code of Conduct Policy, Pastoral Care Policy, Harassment and Bullying Policy, and General Health and Safety Policy, including as to how concerns or incidents are recorded; and
- The School's IT policies, including its Acceptable Use of Technology Policies (Staff and Pupils), Cyberbullying Policy, Emerging Technology and AI Policy, AI Governance Framework, and Online Safety Policy.

Anyone who works for, or acts on behalf of, the School (including staff, volunteers, governors and service providers) will be subject to suitable training and/or policies commensurate with their role.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DATA PROTECTION

The School has appointed the Second Master as its Data Protection Officer, who will deal with all your requests and enquiries concerning the School's uses of your personal data (see section on Your Rights below) and endeavour to ensure that all personal data is processed in compliance with this policy and Data Protection Law. The Data Protection Officer acts for the whole charity, including The New Beacon. The School has also appointed a Privacy Officer at The New Beacon, who is the first point of contact on site for pupils, parents and staff of that school and who refers subject access requests, complaints and suspected personal data breaches to the Data Protection Officer. The current holders of both roles, and how to contact them, are published on both schools' websites.

WHY THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO PROCESS PERSONAL DATA

In order to carry out its ordinary duties to staff, pupils, parents and other members of the School community, the School needs to process a wide range of personal data about individuals (including current, past and prospective staff, pupils or parents) as part of its daily operation. Some of this activity the School will need to carry out in order to fulfil its legal rights, duties or obligations – including those under a contract with its staff, or parents of its pupils, or others who use the School's facilities.

Other uses of personal data will be made in accordance with the School's legitimate interests, or the legitimate interests of another, provided that these are not outweighed by the impact on individuals, and provided it does not involve special or sensitive types of data.

The School expects that the following uses will fall within that category of its (or its community's) "legitimate interests":

- For the purposes of pupil selection, to confirm the identity of prospective pupils and their parents, and retain a record if appropriate for the purposes of future applications or openings;
- To carry out credit, identity and source of funds checks, whether with previous schools and/or third-party sources or service providers, including for the purposes of verifying that parents are not subject to (or within the purview of) sanctions;
- To provide educational services to encourage pupils to be creative, tolerant and to strive for academic, sporting and cultural excellence, and to increase their awareness of their social and moral responsibilities, and to monitor pupils' achievements and progress, and to assess their educational needs;
- Maintaining relationships with alumni and the School community, including direct marketing or fundraising activity;
- For the purposes of donor due diligence, and to confirm the identity of prospective donors and their background;
- For the purposes of management planning and forecasting, research and statistical analysis, including that imposed or provided for by law (such as tax, diversity or gender pay gap analysis);
- To enable relevant authorities to monitor the School's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- To give and receive information and references about past and current pupils, including relating to outstanding fees or payment history, to/from any educational institution that the pupil attended or where it is proposed they attend; and to provide references to potential employers of past pupils;
- To enable pupils to take part in national or other assessments, and to publish the results of public examinations or other achievements of pupils of the School;
- To safeguard pupils' welfare and provide appropriate pastoral care;
- To maintain a safe teaching, learning and working environment for pupils and staff which may include conducting checks on pupils and staff (e.g. temperature checks) at certain times;
- To monitor (as appropriate) use of the School's IT and communications systems in accordance with the School's Acceptable Use of Technology Policy;
- To create an accurate and accessible record of meetings, including meetings with parents, pastoral and academic review meetings, admissions interviews, and governor and committee meetings, and to make reasonable adjustments for those who require them;
- To make use of photographic images of pupils in School publications, on the School website and (where appropriate) on the School's social media channels in accordance with the School's policy on taking, storing and using images of pupils;

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- For security purposes, including CCTV in accordance with the School's CCTV policy;
 - For regulatory record keeping/compliance purposes in respect of immigration requirements, as an employer and/or visa sponsor;
 - In connection with, and to enable, the School's community engagement and commercial activities;
 - To carry out or cooperate with any School or external complaints, disciplinary or investigation process; and
 - Where otherwise reasonably necessary for the School's purposes, including to obtain appropriate professional advice and insurance for the School.

In addition, the School will on occasion need to process special category personal data (concerning health, ethnicity, religion, biometrics or sexual life) or criminal records information (such as when carrying out DBS checks) in accordance with rights or duties imposed on it by law, including as regards safeguarding and employment, or from time to time by explicit consent where required. These reasons will include:

- To safeguard pupils' welfare and provide appropriate pastoral (and where necessary, medical) care, and to take appropriate action in the event of an emergency, incident or accident, including by disclosing details of an individual's medical condition or other relevant information where it is in the individual's interests to do so: for example for medical advice, for social protection, safeguarding, and cooperation with police or social services, for insurance purposes or to caterers or organisers of School trips who need to be made aware of dietary or medical needs;
- To provide educational services in the context of any special educational needs of a pupil;
- To provide spiritual education in the context of any religious beliefs;
- In connection with employment of its staff, for example DBS checks, welfare, union membership or pension plans;
- To run any of its systems that operate on biometric data;
- As part of any School or external complaints, disciplinary or investigation process that involves such data, for example if there are SEND, health or safeguarding elements; or
- For legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection, diversity monitoring and health and safety) and to comply with its legal obligations and duties of care.

TYPES OF PERSONAL DATA PROCESSED BY THE SCHOOL

This will include by way of example:

- Names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and other contact details;
- Car details (about those who use our car parking facilities);
- Biometric information;
- Bank details and other financial information, e.g. about parents (or others) who pay fees to the School, and any anti money laundering information we are required to collect by law;
- Past, present and prospective pupils' academic, disciplinary, admissions and attendance records (including information about any special needs), and examination scripts and marks;
- Nationality and other immigration status information (e.g. right to enter, live and [work or] study in the United Kingdom), including copies of passport information;
- Personnel files, including in connection with academics, employment or safeguarding;
- Where appropriate, information about individuals' health and welfare, and contact details for their next of kin;
- References given or received by the School about pupils, and relevant information provided by previous educational establishments and/or other professionals or organisations working with pupils;
- Correspondence with and concerning staff, pupils and parents (past and present);

- Audio or video recordings of meetings, and transcripts, notes and summaries generated from them (including by automated or AI-assisted tools), where a meeting has been recorded in accordance with this Notice; and
- Images of pupils (and occasionally other individuals) engaging in School activities, and images captured by the School's CCTV system (in accordance with the School's policy on taking, storing and using images of pupils).

HOW THE SCHOOL COLLECTS DATA

Generally, the School receives personal data from the individual directly (including, in the case of pupils, from their parents). This may be via a form, or simply in the ordinary course of interaction or communication (such as email or written assessments). However, in some cases personal data will be supplied by third parties (for example another school, or other professionals or authorities working with that individual); or collected from publicly available resources.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO PERSONAL DATA AND WHO THE SCHOOL SHARES IT WITH

For the most part, personal data collected by the School will remain within the School and will be processed by appropriate individuals only in accordance with access protocols (i.e. on a 'need to know' basis). However, some School activities use systems which are outsourced (including HR, accounting, IT, cloud storage/records management, monitoring, mailing). In accordance with Data Protection Law, this type of external data processing is always subject to contractual assurances that personal data will be kept securely and used only in accordance with the School's specific directions.

Occasionally, the School (including its Governors) will need to share personal information relating to its community of staff, pupils and parents (past and current) with third parties, such as:

- The Tonbridge Society and its constituent organisations, including the Parents' Arts Society and Old Tonbridgian Society;
- Professional advisers (e.g. lawyers, insurers, PR advisers and accountants);
- Examination boards;
- Complaints panels, which will include independent panel members;
- Government authorities (e.g. HMRC, DfE, police or the local authority); and
- Appropriate regulatory bodies (e.g. the Teaching Regulation Agency, the Independent Schools Inspectorate, the Charity Commission or the Information Commissioner).

Personal data generated or collected by the School will at times leave the UK, for specific purposes such as communication with parents or students abroad, educational trips, or references to overseas universities, and because some of the systems the School uses are provided by organisations based outside the UK. The School ensures that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect such data, including relying on countries covered by UK adequacy regulations, or by putting in place the UK International Data Transfer Agreement (IDTA) or the UK Addendum to the EU Standard Contractual Clauses, together with any additional measures identified by a transfer risk assessment.

MEETING RECORDINGS, TRANSCRIPTION AND AI NOTE-TAKING

The School sometimes records meetings, or uses automated transcription and note-taking tools, in order to produce an accurate record. Where this happens:

- Everyone present will be told before recording or transcription begins, and will be told which tool is being used. The School does not permit covert recording by its staff.
- Anyone present may object. The person chairing the meeting will consider any objection and, where the meeting proceeds without recording, notes will be taken in the usual way.
- Only tools which the School has assessed and approved are used. Approval requires the supplier to act as a data processor under contract, on terms which prevent it from using the content of School meetings to train its own systems.

- Recordings and transcripts are working documents. They are used to produce the meeting record and are then deleted, other than where the School is required to retain them, for example where a matter is unresolved, disputed, or subject to a legal or regulatory obligation. The agreed notes or minutes form the retained record and are kept in line with the School's Record Keeping Policy.
- Meetings are not recorded or automatically transcribed where doing so would be inappropriate, in particular counselling and wellbeing conversations and medical consultations. Safeguarding and child protection meetings, and disclosures made by a pupil, are recorded only in special circumstances, with the prior agreement of the Designated Safeguarding Lead and under the DSL's supervision. Automated transcription and AI note-taking tools are not used in those meetings at all.
- Where a recording or transcript is made, it forms part of the personal data of those present, and the rights set out in the "Your Rights" section below apply to it.

Where a meeting involves pupils or staff as well as parents, the corresponding sections of the School's Privacy Notice for Pupils and Privacy Notice for Staff also apply.

ACCESS TO SENSITIVE DATA

Particularly strict rules of access apply in the context of "special category" data, most notably:

- Medical records; and
- Pastoral or safeguarding files.

Medical data. The School needs to process such information to comply with statutory duties and to keep pupils and others safe, but we will ensure only authorised staff can access information on a need-to-know basis. This may include wider dissemination if needed for School trips or for catering purposes. Express consent will be sought where appropriate. However, a certain amount of any pupil's medical records or any SEND pupil's relevant information will need to be provided to staff more widely in the context of providing the necessary care and education that the pupil requires.

Safeguarding data. Staff, pupils and parents are reminded that the School is under duties imposed by law and statutory guidance (including Keeping Children Safe in Education or KCSIE) to record or report incidents and concerns that arise or are reported to it, in some cases regardless of whether they are proven, if they meet a certain threshold of seriousness in their nature or regularity. This is likely to include file notes on personnel or safeguarding files, and in some cases referrals to relevant authorities such as the LADO or police. KCSIE also requires that, whenever a pupil leaves the School to join another school or college, his child protection file is promptly provided to the new organisation. The School will retain a copy in accordance with its Record Keeping Policy for material related to safeguarding matters. For further information about this, please view the School's Safeguarding Policy.

HOW LONG WE KEEP PERSONAL DATA

The School keeps personal data securely and only for as long as there is a lawful basis for retaining it. The Record Keeping Policy sets a retention period for each type of record. These periods reflect any applicable statutory minimum, the time within which a legal claim can be brought (which for a pupil does not begin to run until their eighteenth birthday), and national guidance on safeguarding records.

KEEPING IN TOUCH AND SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

The School will use the contact details of parents, alumni and other members of the School community to keep them updated about the activities of the School, or alumni and parent events of interest, including by sending updates and newsletters, by email and by post. Unless the relevant individual objects, the School will also:

- Share personal data about parents and/or alumni, as appropriate, with organisations set up to help establish and maintain relationships with the School community, such as the Parents' Arts Society and Old Tonbridgian Society (and affiliated groups in Hong Kong and New York);

- Contact parents and/or alumni (including via the organisations above) by post and email in order to promote and raise funds for the School and, where appropriate, other worthy causes;
- Collect information from publicly available sources about parents' and former pupils' occupation and activities, in order to maximise the School's fundraising potential.

Should you wish to limit or object to any such use, or would like further information about them, please contact the Director of the Tonbridge Society in writing. You always have the right to withdraw consent, where given, or otherwise object to direct marketing or fundraising. However, the School is nonetheless likely to retain some of your details (not least to ensure that no more communications are sent to that particular address, email or telephone number).

YOUR RIGHTS

Individuals (both pupils and parents) have various rights under Data Protection Law to access and understand their own personal data held and processed by the School, and in some cases ask for it to be erased or amended, or to have it transferred elsewhere, or for the School to stop processing it – but subject to certain exemptions and limitations. The School will endeavour to respond to any such written requests as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within statutory time-limits (which is generally one month, but actually fulfilling more complex or multiple requests, e.g. those involving third party information, may take 1-2 months longer). The School is required to carry out only reasonable and proportionate searches. Where clarification is reasonably required in order to respond, that period may be paused while it is sought, though clarification will not be requested routinely.

Rights of access. The School will be better able to respond quickly to smaller, targeted requests for information made during term time. If the request for information is manifestly excessive or similar to previous requests, the School may ask you to reconsider, or require a proportionate fee (but only where Data Protection Law allows it). If you consider that the personal data we hold on you is inaccurate, please let us know. However, the School will not necessarily delete or amend views, opinions, notes or records purely on the request of an individual who disputes the account, although we may keep a record of all parties' viewpoints.

Requests that cannot be fulfilled. You should be aware that GDPR rights (including the right of access) are limited to your own personal data, and certain data is exempt. This will include information which identifies other individuals (and parents need to be aware this may include their own children, in certain limited situations – please see further below), or information which is subject to legal privilege (for example legal advice given to or sought by the School, or documents prepared in connection with a legal action). The School is also not required to: disclose any pupil's examination scripts (or other information consisting solely of a pupil's test answers – although markers' comments may still be disclosable if they constitute personal data); provide examination or other test marks ahead of their ordinary publication date; nor share any confidential reference held by the School that was (or will be) given for the purposes of the education, training, appointment or employment of any individual. You may have heard of the "right to be forgotten". However, we will sometimes have compelling reasons to refuse specific requests to amend, delete or stop processing your (or your son's) personal data: for example, a legal requirement, or where it falls within a proportionate legitimate interest identified in this Privacy Notice. Generally, if the School still considers the processing of the personal data to be reasonably necessary, it is entitled to continue. All such requests will be considered on their own merits.

Requests by or on behalf of pupils. Pupils can make subject access requests for their own personal data, provided that, in the reasonable opinion of the School, they have sufficient maturity to understand the request they are making (see section Whose Rights? below). A pupil of any age may ask a parent or other representative to make a subject access request on his/her behalf. Indeed, while a person with parental responsibility will generally be entitled to make a subject access request on behalf of younger pupils, the law still considers the information in question to be the pupil's: for older pupils, the parent making the request may need to evidence their son's authority for the specific request. Pupils at Tonbridge are generally assumed to have this level of maturity, although this will

depend on both the pupil and the personal data requested, including any relevant circumstances at home.

Parental requests. It should be clearly understood that the rules on subject access are not the sole basis on which information requests are handled. Parents may not have a statutory right to information, but they and others will often have a legitimate interest or expectation in receiving certain information about pupils without their consent. The School may consider there are lawful grounds for sharing certain information about a pupil with or without reference to that pupil. Parents will in general receive educational and pastoral updates about their children, in accordance with the Parent Contract. Where parents are separated, the School will (in most cases) aim to provide the same information to each person with parental responsibility, but may need to factor in all relevant circumstances, including the express wishes of the pupil, court orders, or pastoral issues. All information requests from, on behalf of, or concerning pupils, whether made under subject access or simply as an incidental request, will therefore be considered on a case by case basis.

Consent. Where the School is relying on consent as a means to process personal data, any person may withdraw this consent at any time (subject to similar age considerations as above). Examples where we do rely on consent are biometrics, certain types of uses of images, and certain types of fundraising activity. Please be aware however that the School may not be relying on consent but have another lawful reason to process the personal data in question even without your consent. That reason will usually have been asserted under this Privacy Notice or may otherwise exist under some form of contract or agreement with the individual (e.g. an employment or parent contract, or because a purchase of goods, services or membership of an organisation such as the OT Society or Parents' Arts Society has been requested).

Whose rights? The rights under Data Protection Law belong to the individual to whom the data relates. However, the School will often rely on parental authority or notice for the necessary ways it processes personal data relating to pupils – for example, under the parent contract, or via a form. Parents and pupils should be aware that this is not necessarily the same as the School relying on strict consent (see the section on Consent above). Where consent is required, it may in some cases be necessary or appropriate (given the nature of the processing in question, and the pupil's age and understanding) to seek the pupil's consent. Parents should be aware that in such situations they may not be consulted, depending on the interests of the pupil, the parents' rights of law or under their contract, and all the circumstances.

Pupil consent. In general, the School will assume that pupils' consent is not required for ordinary disclosure of their personal data to their parents, e.g. for the purposes of keeping parents informed about the pupil's activities, progress and behaviour, and in the interests of the pupil's welfare. That is, unless, in the School's opinion, there is a good reason to do otherwise. However, where a pupil seeks to raise concerns confidentially with a member of staff and expressly withholds their agreement to their personal data being disclosed to their parents, the School may be under an obligation to maintain confidentiality unless, in the School's opinion, there is a good reason to do otherwise; for example, where the School believes disclosure will be in the best interests of the pupil or other pupils, or if required by law. Pupils are required to respect the personal data and privacy of others, and to comply with the School's Acceptable Use of Technology (Pupils) Policy, Emerging Technology and AI Policy, Online Safety Policy, and the Memoranda. Staff are under professional duties to do the same covered under the relevant staff policies.

DATA ACCURACY AND SECURITY

The School will endeavour to ensure that all personal data held in relation to an individual is as up to date and accurate as possible. Individuals should notify the Second Master of any significant changes to important information, such as contact details, held about them. An individual has the right to request that any inaccurate, out-of-date, or irrelevant information about them is erased or corrected (subject to certain exemptions and limitations under Data Protection Law): please see above for details of why the School may need to process your data, and of who you may contact if you disagree. The School will take appropriate technical and organisational steps to ensure the security of personal data about individuals, including policies around use of technology and devices,

and access to School systems. All staff and Governors will be made aware of this policy and their duties under Data Protection Law and receive relevant training.

USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The School uses artificial intelligence tools to support its administrative and educational work, for example to draft and summarise documents, transcribe meetings and assist with routine correspondence. Only tools the School has approved may be used with personal data. Approval requires a Data Protection Impact Assessment where the processing warrants one, and contractual terms under which the supplier acts as a processor on the School's instructions and does not use School data to train its own models.

AI is not used to make decisions about pupils or their parents which produce legal effects or otherwise significantly affect them without meaningful human involvement. Staff remain responsible for the accuracy of any output they rely on. The School's approach is set out more fully in its AI Governance Framework.

THIS NOTICE

Any substantial changes that affect your rights, following an update of this policy, will be provided to you directly as far as is reasonably practicable.

QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

Any comments or queries on this policy should be directed to the Second Master using the following contact details: by e-mail to schooladmin@tonbridge-school.org or by writing to Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1JP.

If an individual believes that the School has not complied with this policy or acted otherwise than in accordance with Data Protection Law, they may complain to the School. A data protection complaint is handled separately from the School's general Complaints Procedure. It should be sent to the Second Master, by email to schooladmin@tonbridge-school.org or by writing to Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1JP. A complaint concerning The New Beacon may be given to the Privacy Officer at that school, who will pass it to the Second Master. A complaint need not use the word "complaint" and may be made to any member of staff. The School will acknowledge it within 30 days, investigate without undue delay, keep the complainant informed and tell them the outcome. You can also make a referral to or lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), although the ICO recommends that steps are taken to resolve the matter with the School before involving the regulator.