



**MOUNT HOUSE
SCHOOL**

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SCHOOL POLICIES

STUDENT PRIVACY NOTICE

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Student Privacy Notice - Key Information

This notice 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.

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 students. 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 or 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 education guardian] so they can support your schooling.
- We may use photographs or videos of you for the School's website and social media sites or prospectus to show prospective students what we do here and to advertise the School. We may continue to use these photographs and videos after you have left the School. We may use photographs and videos for teaching purposes, for example, to record a drama lesson.
- 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 details of your address when you leave so we can send you the latest news and find out how you are getting on. We may also pass your details onto our Past Students' Association.
- If you have any questions about how we use your personal information, please speak to your personal tutor. Alternatively, you can speak to your parents who will talk to us on your behalf.

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.

We are giving you this notice because you are mature enough to make decisions about your personal information.

If you have any questions about this notice, please talk to your personal tutor.

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, unique student number and behaviour records. We will also hold information such as your religion or ethnic group for the purposes of knowing for example your specialist dietary requirements. 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. The School's primary reason for using your personal information is to provide you with an education.

- Admissions forms give us lots of personal information. We get information from you, your parents, your teachers and other students. 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 collect this information to help the School run properly, safely and to let others know what we do here. Here are some examples:

- 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.
- We need to tell the appropriate teachers if you are allergic to something or have a health issue.
- We will need to tell your teachers if you have special educational needs or need extra help with some tasks.
- We will need to share information about you (e.g. about your health and wellbeing) with the school counsellor.
- Where appropriate, the School will have information about your religious beliefs and practices. For example, if you do not eat certain foods.

- We use CCTV to make sure the School site is safe. CCTV is not used in private areas such as changing rooms.
- We record your attendance and if you have time away from the School we record the reason(s) why.
- 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 or let them know if we have any concerns about your welfare.
- 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 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>
- 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.
- 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 students at the School.
- 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.
- 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. We will pass on information which they need to look after you.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- We may share some information with our insurance company to make sure that we have the insurance cover that we need.
- We will share your academic and (where fair) your behaviour records with your parents, or education guardian, so they can support your schooling.
- 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 will monitor your use of email, the internet and mobile electronic devices e.g. iPads. This monitoring is sometimes carried out using computer software. In certain circumstances we will look at the content of your communications (e.g. emails and text messages). We 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. If you would like more information about this you can read the acceptable use of IT and email policy or speak to your personal tutor.
- We may use photographs or videos of you for the School's website and social media sites or prospectus to show prospective students 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.
- If you have concerns about us using photographs or videos of you, please speak to your personal tutor.
- 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 will keep details of your address when you leave so we can send you the latest news and find out how you are getting on. We may also pass your details onto our Past Students' Association.
- We sometimes use contractors to handle personal information on our behalf. The following are examples:

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

If you have any concerns about any of the above, please speak to your personal tutor.

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 this ground 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. For example, if you or your parent brings a claim against the School.
- 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 students.

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.

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

The following are examples of when we use your information to perform tasks in the public interest:

- providing you 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 must also comply with an additional condition where it processes special categories of personal information. These special categories include: personal information revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, genetic information, biometric information, health information, and information about sex life or orientation.

Substantial public interest

The School is also 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.

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 (e.g. to provide you with free school lunches if you are entitled to these).

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.

Medical purposes

This includes medical treatment and the management of healthcare services.

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 students.

Multiple legal grounds

In some cases we will rely on more than one of the grounds above 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;
- we will rely on legitimate interests and public interest grounds when providing you with an education; and
- we will rely on legitimate interests, public interest and legal obligation grounds if we have concerns about your welfare and we have to tell the local authority.

These are only a few examples of when different legal grounds can apply to the same use of your personal information. There are more situations like this which your personal tutor can explain to you.

Consent

We may ask for your consent to use your information in certain ways. 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 personal tutor if you would like to withdraw any consent that you have given.

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, so that we can find out what happened if you make a complaint.

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.

Please see our Information and Records Retention Policy for more detailed information.

What decisions can you make about your information?

From 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. 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 the School magazine);
 - we are relying on the legitimate interests legal ground to use it - 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 personal tutor can give you more information about your data protection rights.

Looking after your personal information

The School takes its obligations towards you very seriously and has put in place extra safeguards to ensure that your personal information is kept safely and securely. For example, the school management system has a number of security levels to prevent information from being accessed except by a few key people.

Further information and guidance

This notice is to explain how we look after your personal information. Your personal tutor can answer any questions which you might have.

Please speak to your personal tutor 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, Mrs Nisha Nathwani, is in charge of the School's data protection compliance. You can ask your personal tutor to speak to the Bursar or speak to her 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.