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## **Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers**

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### **Who processes your information?**

Somerhill Charitable Trust Limited (Somerhill) is the data controller of the personal information you provide to us. This means Somerhill will determine the purposes for which, and the manner in which, any personal data relating to pupils and their families is to be processed.

There may be times when it is necessary to share your personal data with a third party, this will only be done with your explicit consent, unless there is a legal requirement for the school to share your personal data.

### **Why do we collect and use your information?**

Somerhill has the legal right to collect and use personal data relating to pupils and their families, and we may also receive information regarding them from their previous school, your LA (Local Authority) or the DfE (Department for Education).

We collect and use personal data in order to meet our legal requirements and legitimate interests as set out in the UK GDPR (The UK General Data Protection Regulations) and UK law, including the following:

- Article 6 and Article 9 of the UK GDPR
- The Data Protection Act 2018

In accordance with the above, the personal data of pupils and their families is collected and used for the following reasons:

- To support pupil learning
- To monitor and report on pupil progress
- To provide appropriate pastoral care
- To assess the quality of our service
- To comply with the law regarding data sharing
- To safeguard pupils

### **Which data is collected?**

The categories of pupil information that Somerhill collects, holds and shares include the following:

- Personal information e.g., names, telephone numbers and addresses
- Characteristics e.g., ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth
- Attendance information e.g., number of absences and absence reasons



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- Assessment information e.g., national curriculum assessment results
- Relevant medical information
- Information relating to SEND
- Behavioural information e.g., number of temporary exclusions

The categories of parent information that Somerhill collects, holds and shares include the following:

- Personal information e.g., names, telephone numbers and addresses
- Characteristics e.g., ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth
- Financial Information e.g., bank details, and where necessary credit reference checks, bankruptcy petitions

Whilst the majority of the personal data you provide to Somerhill is mandatory, there may be some data that is provided on a voluntary basis. When we collect data from you, we will inform you whether there is a mandatory requirement for you to provide this or whether your consent is required. When consent is required, Somerhill will provide you detailed information with regards to the reasons the data is being collected and how the data will be used.

## **How long is your data stored for?**

Personal data relating parents and pupils is stored in line with Somerhill's Retention Schedule (Please see the Information Governance Policy).

In accordance with the UK GDPR, Somerhill does not store personal data indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task for which it was originally collected.

## **Will my information be shared?**

Somerhill is required to share pupils' data with the Department for Education (DfE), the Independent Schools Inspectorate, the Department of Health (NHS, GP Care, School Nurses etc.) and your Local Authority (LA) on a statutory basis.

Somerhill may also share financial information in relation to parents when there is a legal requirement to do so. This may include the HMRC, credit reference agencies and banking institutes.

Somerhill will not share your personal information with any third parties without your consent unless the law allows us to do so.



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There may be occasions where Somerhill needs to share personal information about students and their families with professional third parties. These professional third parties include:

- Advisers (health, complaint resolution services, legal departments, insurance services, and accountants) with whom Somerhill has a contract for services
- Contractors with whom Somerhill has a contract to provide services directly to students or families on Somerhill's behalf. These include catering services, IT providers, student and family support
- Formal government departments (HMRC, DfE, Police or LA)
- Regulatory departments (the Independent Schools Inspectorate or the Information Commissioners Office {ICO}).

Personal information may also be shared with third parties who process data on behalf of Somerhill web-based IT services, website developers and cloud storage providers.

Any information shared with third parties is subject to contractual arrangements and appropriate UK GDPR compliance of the relevant organisation.

Sharing information with third parties is lawful because one of the following reasons applies:

- There is a legal obligation that Somerhill is subject to, for example our legal duty to safeguard pupils
- The disclosure is necessary to protect the vital interests of others, i.e., to protect pupils from harm
- The disclosure is necessary for the performance of our education function which is a function in the public interest.

## **What are your rights?**

Parents and pupils have the following rights in relation to the processing of their personal data.

You have the right to:

- Be informed about how the school uses your personal data
- Request access to the personal data that Somerhill holds
- Request that your personal data is amended if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- Request that your personal data is erased where there is no compelling reason for its



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continued processing

- Request that the processing of your data is restricted
- Object to your personal data being processed

Where the processing of your data is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw this consent at any time.

If you have a concern about the way Somerhill is collecting or using your personal data, you can raise a concern the Data Protection Officer by contacting them at [dpo@specialistredactionservice.co.uk](mailto:dpo@specialistredactionservice.co.uk) and if you remain dissatisfied you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted on 0303 123 1113, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

## **Where can you find out more information?**

Somerhill's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at [dpo@specialistredactionservice.co.uk](mailto:dpo@specialistredactionservice.co.uk)