

LONDON DESIGN & ENGINEERING UTC

Privacy Notice for Students

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25 May 2018 and will replace the current Data Protection Act governing how the London Design and Engineering UTC processes personal data. The GDPR is an EU regulation and despite Brexit the Government has confirmed that it will apply to the UK.

The GDPR was developed to create a more up to date law for data protection reflecting the changes in the digital age and strengthening the rights of individuals and how their personal data is processed and protected. Many of the GDPR's main concepts and principles are much the same as those in the Data Protection Act but with new elements and enhancements and a greater emphasis on accountability and how organisations demonstrate their compliance.

The categories of student information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, date of birth, address, parents' details and contact information)
- Characteristics (such as gender, ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth, free school meals eligibility, religion and any other protected characteristic in order to comply with Equality Act 2010)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Any relevant medical information, special educational needs information, exclusion or behavioural information.
- Assessment information (such as previous key stage attainment data, test data, internal assessment data, attitude to learning data and external examination results)

Why we collect and use this information

The London Design & Engineering (LDE) UTC uses the student data:

- to support students learning
- to monitor and report on the progress being made by students

- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of its services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to protect and safeguard students
- to develop an alumni association / network

The lawful basis on which we use this information

The LDE UTC will collect and use student information under Articles 6 and 9 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR), which come into force on 25 May 2018 – i.e. under:

- **Consent:** the individual has given clear consent for the LDE UTC to process their personal data for a specific purpose.
- **Legal obligation:** the processing is necessary for the LDE UTC to comply with the law particularly with regards safeguarding students and complying with health and safety requirements.
- **Public task:** the processing is necessary for the LDE UTC to be able to provide appropriate information to both the DfE and ESFA and DfE to comply with requirements (such as the Annual Pupil Census) to be able to continue to operate and receive public funds as a state funded school. Details of DfE Data Collections can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

Collecting student information

Whilst the majority of information provided by students to the LDE UTC is mandatory, some of it is provided on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, the LDE UTC will inform students whether they are required to provide certain information or if they have a choice or not.

Storing student data

LDE UTC will hold student data for seven years after which it will be destroyed and or deleted safely and confidentially.

Who we share student information with

The LDE UTC will routinely share student information with:

- the Department for Education (DfE)
- the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)
- Newham Local Authority
- its employer sponsors and partners

Why we share student information

The LDE UTC will not share information about its students with anyone without consent unless the law and its policies allow it to do so.

The LDE UTC will share students' data with the Department for Education (DfE) and ESFA on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

The LDE UTC is required to share information about its students with the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

Data collection requirements:

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on the LDE UTC by the Department for Education (for example; via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

Youth support services

Students aged 13+

For students aged 13 and above, the LDE UTC also pass student information to its local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers

A parent or guardian can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed over to the local authority or provider of youth support services by

informing the UTC in writing or via e-mail. This right is transferred to the student once they reach the age 16.

Students aged 16+

The LDE UTC will also share certain information about students aged 16+ with its local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers

For more information about services for young people, please visit the local authority's website.

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department. It is held in electronic format for statistical purposes. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

The LDE UTC is required by law, to provide information about its students to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The Department may share information about LDE UTC's students from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of the UTC's data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested: and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data

To be granted access to student information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the Department's data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the Department has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, students have the right to request access to information about them that the LDE UTC holds. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your record, please contact:

- **Victoria Webb – Chief Information Officer**
- **E-mail:** victoria.webb@ldeutc.gov.uk
- **Tel:** 07591 206 289

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means

- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

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