General Data Protection Regulation Policy

Privacy notice

GDPR stands for General Data Protection Regulation and replaces the previous Data Protection Directives that were in place. It was approved by the EU Parliament in 2016 and comes into effect on 25th May 2018.

GDPR states that personal data should be ‘processed fairly & lawfully’ and ‘collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes’ and that individuals data is not processed without their knowledge and are only processed with their ‘explicit’ consent. GDPR covers personal data relating to individuals. The Little Pennies Pre-school is committed to protecting the rights and freedoms of individuals with respect to the processing of children’s, parents, visitors and staff personal data.

The Data Protection Act gives individuals the right to know what information is held about them. It provides a framework to ensure that personal information is handled properly.

We are committed to ensuring that any personal data we hold about you and your child is protected in accordance with data protection laws and is used in line with your expectations.

Introduction

The Little Pennies Pre-school is a registered childcare provider with Ofsted and as so is required to collect and manage certain data.

This privacy notice explains what personal data we collect, why we collect it, how we use it and how we protect it.

What personal data do we collect?

We collect personal data about you and your child to provide care and learning that is tailored to meet your child’s individual needs. We also collect information in order to verify your eligibility for free childcare as applicable.

Personal details that we collect about your child include:

- your child’s name, date of birth, a copy of birth certificate, address, health and medical needs, development needs, and any special educational needs.

Where applicable we will obtain child protection plans from social care and health care plans from health professionals.

We will also ask for information about who has parental responsibility for your child and any court orders pertaining to your child.

Personal details that we collect about you include:

- your name, home and work address, phone numbers, emergency contact details, email addresses and family details
This information will be collected from you directly in the registration form.

If you apply for up to 30 hours free childcare, we will also collect:

- your national insurance number or unique taxpayer reference (UTR), if you’re self-employed and your date of birth. We may also collect information regarding benefits and family credits that you are in receipt of.

For staff/volunteers we will also collect:

- Bank details and photographic ID such as passport or driver’s licence. This information is required for payroll purposes and also for DBS checks and proof of eligibility to work in the UK.

**Why we collect this information and the legal basis for handling your data**

We use personal data about you and your child in order to provide childcare services and fulfil the contractual arrangement you have entered into. This includes using your data to:

- contact you in case of an emergency
- to support your child’s wellbeing and development
- to manage any special educational, health or medical needs of your child whilst at our setting
- to carry out regular assessment of your child’s progress and to identify any areas of concern
- to maintain contact with you about your child’s progress and respond to any questions you may have
- to process your claim for up to 30 hours free childcare (only where applicable)
- to keep you updated with information about our service

With your consent, we will also record your child’s activities for their individual learning record on Tapestry. This may include photographs and videos. You will have the opportunity to withdraw your consent at any time, for images taken by confirming so in writing.

We have a legal obligation to process safeguarding related data about your child should we have concerns about their welfare. We also have a legal obligation to transfer records and certain information about your child to the school that your child will be attending (see *Transfer of Records* policy).

**Who we share your data with**

In order for us to deliver childcare services we will also share your data as required with the following categories of recipients:

- Ofsted – during an inspection or following a complaint about our service
- banking services to process direct debit payments (as applicable)
- the Local Authority (where you claim up to 30 hours free childcare as applicable)
- the government’s eligibility checker (as above)
- our insurance underwriter (if applicable)
- the school that your child will be attending

We will also share your data if:

- We are legally required to do so, for example, by law, by a court or the Charity Commission;
- to enforce or apply the terms and conditions of your contract with us;
- to protect your child and other children; for example by sharing information with social care or the police;
- it is necessary to protect [our or others rights, property or safety
- we transfer the management of the setting, in which case we may disclose your personal data to the prospective buyer so they may continue the service in the same way.

**Automated decision-making including profiling**

Automated decisions and profiling are used for marketing based organisations. The Little Pennies Pre-school will never share your data with any other organisation to use for their own purposes.

**How do we protect your data?**

We protect unauthorised access to your personal data and prevent it from being lost, accidentally destroyed, misused, or disclosed by:

- Keeping all paperwork containing personal data in a locked filing cabinet, in an office which is locked after hours.
- Shredding all paperwork after the appropriate retention time (see Records Policy).
- Personally handing transition records onto the correct recipient at the receiving school when a child moves on. If this is not possible, the parent/carer will be given the data to deliver to the receiving school. (Tapestry transfers to other settings occur electronically. We have a copy of their Data protection policy should you wish to view it).
- Ensuring all computers, Ipad’s and Tapestry Online Learning Journals are password protected. These are changed regularly and if a member of staff leaves the setting their access passwords will be deleted immediately.
- Ensuring any portable data storage equipment used e.g. USB memory sticks, are password protected and/or stored in a locked filing cabinet.

**How long do we retain your data?**

We retain your child’s personal data for up to 7 years after your child no longer uses our setting. Accident/Incident records are kept for longer according to legal requirements. Your child’s learning and development records are maintained by us and handed to you when your child leaves.

In some instances (child protection, or other support service referrals) we are obliged to keep your data for longer if it is necessary to comply with legal requirements (see our Record Keeping policy).

**Your rights with respect to your data**

You have the right to:

- request access, amend or correct your/your child’s personal data
- request that we delete or stop processing your/your child’s personal data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- request that we transfer your, and your child’s personal data to another person

If you wish to exercise any of these rights at any time or if you have any questions, comments or concerns about this privacy notice, or how we handle your data please contact us. If you continue to have concerns about the way your data is handled and remain dissatisfied after raising your concern with us, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or ico.org.uk/

**Changes to this notice**

We keep this notice under regular review. You will be notified of any changes where appropriate.

Please see our Records Policy for information retention periods.
This policy was adopted at a meeting of Trustees on .......................
and was checked and re-affirmed on
Signed on behalf of The Little Pennies Pre-School
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