

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust – COVID-19 Testing Privacy Notice

Ownership of the Personal Data

To enable the Covid-19 testing to be completed within schools of The Thinking Schools Academy Trust, we need to process personal data for staff, pupils taking part and their parent's/guardian's, including sharing of personal data where we have a legal obligation. The Thinking Schools Academy Trust is the Data Controller for the data required for processing the tests and undertaking any actions which are needed by the school to ensure we meet our public health and safeguarding legal obligations. All data is processed under Section 3 of the Non-Maintained Schools Regulations 1999. Data Controllorship is then passed to the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) at the point that we transfer data to them.

Personal Data involved in the process

We use the following information to help us manage and process the tests

- Name
- Date of birth (and year group)
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Disability or accessibility information relating to accessing or conducting the test
- Unique barcode assigned to each individual test and which will become the primary reference number for the tests
- Test result
- Parent/guardians contact details

We will only use information which is collected directly from you specifically for the purpose of the tests, even if you have previously provided us with this information.

The information will only be stored securely on school spreadsheets and systems until it is securely shared with DHSC.

Processing of Personal Data Relating to Positive test results

The member of staff, pupil or parent (depending on contact details provided) will be informed of the result by the school/college and advised how to book a confirmatory test.

The school/college will use this information to enact their own COVID isolation processes without telling anyone who it is that has received the positive test.

The information will be transferred to DHSC, who will share with the NHS, PHE and the Local Government, who will use the information for wider test and trace activities as well as statistical and research purposes.

This information is processed and shared under obligations set out in Public Health legislation under Regulations 3(1) and (4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient

Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI) which allows the sharing of data for COVID related purposes.

This information will be kept by the school for 14 days and by the NHS for 8 years.

Processing of Personal Data Relating to Negative test results

The school/college will record a negative result and the information will be transferred to DHSC, NHS, PHE and the Local Government who will use the information for statistical and research purposes.

This information is processed and shared under obligations set out in Public Health legislation under Regulations 3(1) and (4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI) which allows the sharing of data for COVID related purposes.

This information will be kept by the school/college for 14 days and by the NHS for 8 years.

Data Sharing Partners

The personal data associated with test results will be shared with DHSC, NHS, PHE and local government to ensure they take the necessary actions they need to complete under their legal obligations.

Your Rights

Under data protection law, you have rights including:

Your right of access - You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information.

Your right to rectification - You have the right to ask us to rectify personal information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

Your right to erasure - You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to restriction of processing - You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to object to processing - You have the the right to object to the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to data portability - You have the right to ask that we transfer the personal information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

Please contact us at either privacy@tsatrust.org.uk or Data Protection Officer, Thinking Schools Academy Trust, Park Crescent, Chatham, ME4 6NR if you wish to make a request.

How to complain

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal information, you can make a complaint to us at either privacy@tsatrust.org.uk or Data Protection Officer, Thinking Schools Academy Trust, Park Crescent, Chatham, ME4 6NR

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how we have used your data.

The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1111

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