



# Blundell's



**PRIVACY NOTICE**  
**PUPILS**  
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## **PUPIL PRIVACY NOTICE**

Your privacy is important to us and we want to keep your personal information safe. This Privacy Notice tells you how we do that and sets out your rights when it comes to the personal information that we hold about you.

Blundell's Preparatory School and Blundell's School (together the "School") only hold the personal information we are allowed to hold about you, and only uses it for your education at the School.

### **WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU?**

- Your personal information (such as your name, title, date of birth, nationality, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses);
- Your academic, admissions and attendance records (including information about any special needs), and examination scripts and marks;
- where appropriate, information about your health and welfare, and contact details for someone in case of an emergency;
- references we give or receive about you, and information provided by your previous schools and professionals and organisations that have worked with you;
- Copies of your official documents (such as passport, birth certificate, UKVI visa and CAS);
- Medical information (such as medication you are required to take and food allergies);
- Images of you taking part in School activities, and images captured by the School's CCTV system (in accordance with the School's policy relating to images of children);
- Any court order relating to you (if relevant).

### **HOW DO WE COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?**

We collect personal information from you and your parents or guardians directly. This may be through a form, or simply in our day-to-day contact with you.

From time to time we may also collect information about you supplied by others. For example, we may receive information from:

- your parents

- another school
- professionals or authorities that have worked with you
- your UK guardian
- an agent that helped you get a place at the School

The majority of the personal information you provide to us is mandatory, which means that you must provide it to us. Other personal information you provide to us is optional, which means that you may decide not to provide it to us. We will let you know when the personal information we request is optional.

### **WHY DO WE COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?**

We use your personal information:

- to decide whether you can join the School (and consider whether bursaries or scholarships will apply)
- to support your learning and education
- to monitor and report on your progress
- to make sure your health and wellbeing is looked after
- to make sure we provide you with a high quality of education
- to ensure the School complies with the law and meets its legal obligations

You can find more information about these reasons below.

### **THE LAWFUL BASIS FOR USING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

We have promised to your parents, under a contract with them, that we will support your learning and education at the School. Most of the personal information we collect about you is needed to make sure we are able to provide this support to you under that contract. We also use your personal information to make sure that the School is acting within the law and meets its legal obligations. For example, we may need your personal information to ensure you are kept safe.

There are also some situations where we use your personal information for other reasons (these are known as the “legitimate interests” of the School). This will happen when the contract we have with your parent(s) does not apply (or is not yet in place) or when there is no specific law which requires us to use your personal information. For example, we will use your personal information when deciding whether you can join the School, when we ask for professional advice from someone outside the School, and when we make use of photos of you so that we can identify you.

It is important to know that we also use some sensitive personal information about you such as your medical and health records, religion and biometric information. Biometric information is collected for registration and security purposes. The School may require other information, for example, to make sure you are cared for and provide you with support to meet your specific needs. Where we collect this information, we will usually ask you for your (or your parent's) clear permission to use this information.

### **WHO DO WE SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH?**

We routinely share your personal information with:

- Blundell's Preparatory School and Blundell's School
- schools that you attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education, and
- the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Your information is shared with Blundell's Preparatory School and Blundell's School to ensure that your transition from one school to the other is a smooth one. It also enables us to share academic and sporting expertise and facilities more easily, which we consider is in our legitimate interests.

We may also share your information with others where we are required or permitted to do so by law, or where we have received your consent (or your parents' consent) or have a legitimate interest in sharing your personal information. This might include the Charity Commission, Ofsted, professional advisers, or other regulators.

We may also share your information with organisations that provide a service to the School. For example, we will share your personal information with Unifrog and Morrisby to help you prepare your application for university and consider your career options.

### **HOW SECURE IS MY INFORMATION WHEN OTHERS USE IT?**

When others use your personal information we make sure that they keep it secure and we have policies that make this clear. We only allow them to use your personal information for purposes that we make clear to them in advance. They will only use your personal information in the way that we have agreed with them.

### **DOES MY PERSONAL INFORMATION GO ABROAD?**

We may use your information outside the UK, but we will only do this in certain situations. For example, we may do this when you or your parents contact us from outside the UK, when the School makes arrangements for trips and travel abroad, when we contact previous schools you attended abroad, or when you access our portal abroad. We will take steps to protect your personal information when this happens and may also let you know about this when it takes place.

## **INFORMATION SECURITY**

We protect the security of your information. If you want to know how we do that, please contact the School's Data Protection Lead (contact details are provided below).

We have procedures to make sure that your personal information is not accidentally lost and that is not used, accessed, changed or shared with others without our permission. Your personal information will only be shared with people who need it. They will only use your personal information with clear instructions from us. We will make sure that they treat your personal information as confidential.

If your personal information is used in a way that is not acceptable, we have a procedure to deal with this. For example, if your personal information is accidentally lost we will let you know about this and we may also contact the Information Commissioner's Office about it.

## **HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP MY INFORMATION FOR?**

The School will keep your personal information for as long as it is necessary. When we no longer have a lawful reason to hold it, we will delete or destroy your personal information securely. You can find out more about how long we keep your personal information by taking a look at the Data Retention Policy.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information. This means that your information can no longer be linked to you and you will not be identified. If we do this, we may use this information without telling you.

## **WHAT ABOUT CHANGING THE INFORMATION THAT WE HOLD ABOUT YOU?**

If any of your personal information changes, it is important that you let us know so that we can update our records to keep it accurate.

## **WHAT CAN I DO WITH THE PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU USE?**

You can:

- Ask to see your personal information
- Ask for a correction of your personal information to ensure it is accurate
- Ask for your personal information to be deleted
- Object to the processing of your personal information
- Ask for us to limit the processing of your personal information
- Request the transfer of your personal information to another party

If you want to do any of the above, please contact the School's Data Protection Lead in writing (contact details are provided below).

## **WHEN YOU DO NOT WANT US TO USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Most of your personal information has to be used by us for the reasons we have given in this notice. There are certain times when we do not have to use your personal information but we think that there are good reasons why you might want us to use it. For example, we may ask for permission to use photos of you. If you give us permission to use this personal information you can always ask us to stop using your information. If you want to do this, please contact the School's Data Protection Lead in writing (contact details are provided below).

## **POINT OF CONTACT**

As the Data Protection Lead, the School's Bursar is responsible for this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how we handle your personal information, please contact her:

**By Post:** Blundell's School, Blundell's Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 4DT

**By phone:** 01884 252232

**By email:** [bursar@blundells.org](mailto:bursar@blundells.org)

If you are unhappy with how we are using your personal information, you can make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues. Contact us before you do this as we may be able to help you without you going outside the School.

## **CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY NOTICE**

We may update this privacy notice at any time and we will give you access to the new privacy notice. We may also let you know in other ways about how we use your personal information.

**If you have any questions about this privacy notice, please contact the Data Protection Lead (contact details are provided above).**