



St James Pre-school's Privacy Notice

St James' Pre-school
St James' Church Hall
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Introduction

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.

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 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, 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, and family details

This information will be collected from you directly in the registration form.

If you apply for up to 15 hours free childcare, we will also ask for your national insurance number. This does not need to be given, but doing so will enable us to check if your child can benefit from extra funding such as the 'Early years Pupil Premium'.

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

We use personal data about you and your child 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 15 hours free childcare
- 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. 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 once they leave the preschool.

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 chip and pin and/or direct debit payments
- the Local Authority
- the government’s eligibility checker
- the Health and Safety Executive (in the event of a medical incident)
- our setting software management provider
- 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 the preschool;
- to protect your child and other children; for example by sharing information with social care or the police;

We will never share your data with any other organisation to use for their own purposes

How do we protect your data?

We take data protection seriously. All the data we hold is stored securely and in compliance with GDPR.

We protect unauthorised access to your personal data and prevent it from being lost, accidentally destroyed, misused, or disclosed by storing paper documents securely in a locked cabinet. Electronic documents are stored with a GDPR compliant software service.

How long do we retain your data?

We retain your child’s personal data for up to 3 years after your child no longer uses our setting, or until our next Ofsted inspection after your child leaves our setting. Medication records and accident 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 follow legal requirements.

Your rights with respect to your data

It is necessary for us to share your data with the Local Authority to receive funding for your child.

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 the committee. 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 the Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or <https://ico.org.uk>.

Changes to this notice

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

Manager of the Preschool	Rebecca Mason
Signed & Dated by Manager of the Preschool	
Chair of the Preschool Management Committee	Danni Forzoni
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Frequency of policy review	Annual

Date next review due	1st January 2026
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