



Department  
for Education

# **Understanding progress in the 2020/21 Academic Year - how we look after personal data**

## **Who this information is for**

This information is for pupils (“you”) and parents or carers of those pupils

## **Understanding progress in the 2020/21 Academic Year**

This work is being conducted by the Department for Education (DfE) to understand progress in education in the 2020/21 academic year and beyond, given the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

## **How the DfE will use personal information**

Your school currently collects information about you and your learning, some of which is collected for your school by Renaissance Learning. The DfE will use this information to understand academic progress in the 2020/21 Academic Year.

## **Who personal information will be shared with**

The DfE also shares information with a contracted third party (EPI) who undertake analysis work on behalf of the DfE.

## **Why we can use personal information**

To use personal information, we need to meet one condition specified under data protection legislation. The DfE uses and shares personal information as part of its public task function, which is one of the specified conditions.

## **How long we hold personal information**

It is currently anticipated that this work to understand academic progress in the 2020/21 Academic Year will run until the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, after which the personal data, supplied by Renaissance Learning will be securely destroyed.

## Your rights

You have certain rights under data protection law, including the right to find out what data we hold about you. If you want to do this, you can make a 'subject access request' using our [contact form](#)<sup>1</sup>

You can find more information about how we handle personal data in our [personal information charter](#)<sup>2</sup>.

You can also find out more about [data protection rights](#)<sup>3</sup> from the [Information Commissioner's Office](#)<sup>4</sup>.

### Links in this Privacy Notice:

<sup>1</sup> DfE contact form: <https://www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus>

<sup>2</sup> DfE personal information charter: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

<sup>3</sup> Data protection rights: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/>

<sup>4</sup> Information Commissioner's Office website: <https://ico.org.uk/>