



Department  
for Education

## **Privacy Notice: Programme in International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022**

### **Who we are**

The PISA 2022 study is being carried out by Pearson UK who have been contracted by the Department for Education (DfE) to deliver the project in England. For the purpose of data protection legislation, the DfE is the data controller for the personal data processed in England as part of PISA 2021 and Pearson UK are our data processors.

This means that we are responsible for making sure that the way your data is collected and used meets the requirements of Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018).

### **How we will use your information**

We receive your personal data from Pearson UK and are processing it in order to participate in the PISA study in 2022. Studies such as PISA show us how education in England compares to that in other countries around the world; what we are good at, and where we can do better. By asking pupils about their home, school and what they think about the subjects they study and their lessons, we can understand different things about the ways that people learn and find ways to make schools better for everyone.

More information about the PISA study is available from [www.pisa2022.uk](http://www.pisa2022.uk).

### **The nature of your personal data we will be using**

We used the names and date of birth of pupils in your school to randomly select pupils to take part in PISA.

We will collect information on what you have learnt about reading, maths and science from your answers to the PISA assessment questions. We will also ask questions about you, your family, your home and school. The answers to these questions help us to understand how the things you tell us about affect the ways that people learn. We do not publish your answers to any question, and you and your school cannot be identified from any report or publication.

We will put the information we collect from you, including your test results and your answers to questions about you and your school with other information which we already have about you. This includes information in the national pupil database provided to us by your school such as your marks in tests. Some of the information we ask you for, or which we already have and will use in PISA is called sensitive personal data. This includes your name, data of birth, where you were born. To use this data we have to tell you that we are using it, and to take extra care to protect the information.

## **Why our use of your personal data is lawful**

In order for our use of your personal data to be lawful, we need to meet one (or more) conditions in the data protection legislation. For the purpose of this project, the relevant condition that we are meeting is article 6(1) (e) of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018: *To collect and process the information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest while exercising a function of a Minister of the Crown or a government department.*

This means that the law allows us to collect and use your data because the Government have decided that England should take part in the PISA study.

## **Who we will make your personal data available to**

We sometimes need to make personal data available to other organisations. These might include contracted partners, such as Pearson UK and others who we have employed to process your personal data on our behalf, and/or other organisations with whom we need to share your personal data for specific purposes.

Where we need to share your personal data with others, we ensure that this data sharing complies with DPA 2018. For the purpose of this project:

- We are employing Pearson UK to process your personal data on our behalf. After you have taken the PISA study, they will anonymise your personal data (i.e. they will remove your name and anything else which could be used to identify you or your school) and they will send it to organisations in other countries. They will put the anonymised data with that from the other (approximately 80) countries taking part in PISA.
- We may share your data including the information we collect in PISA, and the information from the national pupil database with other people and organisations who want to use it for research. This data sharing is lawful because the law allows us to collect, and to share personal information (in its identifiable format) for the purposes of research and statistical analysis that is in the public interest pursuant to Regulation 3(6) of the Education (Individual Pupil Information) (Prescribed Persons) (England) Regulations 2009.

## **Transfer to Countries Outside EEA**

Pearson UK (on our behalf) will send the data from your responses to the PISA 2022 study to the study organiser, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and their contractors. They will not share your personal data with them; they will anonymise it by removing names and anything else which could be used to identify individuals or the schools prior to release.

## **How long we will keep your personal data**

We will only keep your personal data for as long as we need it for the purpose(s) of this piece of work, after which point it will be securely destroyed. Please note that, under Data Protection legislation, and in compliance with the relevant data processing conditions, personal data can be kept for longer periods of time when processed purely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research, and statistical purposes.

## Your data protection rights

Under certain circumstances, you have the right:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

If you need to contact us regarding any of the above, please do so via the DfE site at: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>. For the Data Protection Officer (DPO), please mark it 'for the attention of the 'DPO'.

Further information about your data protection rights appears on the Information Commissioner's website at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/principle-6-rights/>.

### Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically, so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time at [www.pisa2021.uk](http://www.pisa2021.uk). This version was last updated on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.