

# **The OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) in Wales**

## **Privacy Notice**

### **What is PISA**

Wales, along with England and Northern Ireland, is taking part in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

### **Participation in PISA**

Your participation in PISA is voluntary, however by agreeing to take part, the personal data you provide will be used by Welsh Government (as data controller) in the ways set out in this privacy notice. Participation in PISA will allow Welsh Government to benchmark our education and policy against other countries, review our system's strengths and weaknesses in an international context, and monitor trends over time according to independent measures. To that end, we will be processing your personal data in pursuance of a task in the public interest and under the official authority vested in us.

### **How we will use the personal data**

The Welsh Government has entered into agreement with the UK Department for Education (DfE) and the Department for Education in Northern Ireland under which Pearsons UK (in partnership with Oxford University) has been appointed as the contractor. They will be processing your personal data on behalf of the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government will only use the data for the purpose of research and statistical analysis relating to the education system in Wales. For the purposes of PISA, Welsh Government and Pearsons UK/Oxford University will link this data to other information we already hold, such as Pupil Level Annual Schools Census (PLASC), and Key Stage 4 results. This will enable analysis and allow us to obtain a better understanding of the effectiveness of our education policies.

We do not receive any data until the PISA assessment is complete and reported, following which the personal data is transferred to Welsh Government by the appointed National Programme Manager. Pearsons UK/Oxford University do not retain any information once the data is transferred to the Welsh Government.

Once this linking has taken place, the personal data is anonymised as soon as practically possible, at which point no individual students or participating schools will be identifiable. Neither Welsh Government (nor its appointed contractors ) will share any information that would identify individual participants in PISA with any third parties unless required to do so by law and no individual pupil or school will be identified or identifiable in any reporting. We will keep the anonymised data indefinitely for trend analysis.

Data will also be shared with the OECD but they will only receive an anonymised set of data for its production of aggregated statistics.

### **Security and confidentiality**

Any personal data collected by Welsh Government and its processors will be handled securely and confidentially.

### **Your rights.**

You have the right to:

- Access the personal data that we are processing about you;
- Require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data;
- The right to object to processing - in certain circumstances;
- The right for your data to be 'erased' – in certain circumstances ;
- Lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection (contact details below).

### **How to raise a concern**

If you wish to contact Welsh Government in relation to your rights under data protection legislation then you can contact the Welsh Government Data Protection Officer:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF  
CF10 3NQ

Email: **[DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)**

Alternatively you may wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
2nd floor  
Churchill House  
Churchill way  
Cardiff  
CF10 2HH

Tel: 029 2067 8400

Fax: 0292 067 8399

Email: [wales@ico.org.uk](mailto:wales@ico.org.uk)

You can also contact the following:

Glynis Wilson  
Head of Government Business for Education and Public Services  
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