

FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE – SCHOOL CENSUS 2009 – LAYER ONE

Thomas Telford School processes personal data about its students and is a “data controller” in respect of this for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. It processes this data to:

- support its students’ teaching and learning;
- monitor and report on their progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well the school as a whole is doing.

This data includes contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs and any relevant medical information.

This data may only be used or passed on for specific purposes allowed by law. From time to time the school is required to pass on some of this data to local authorities, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and to agencies that are prescribed by law, such as the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), Ofsted, the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), the Department of Health (DH), Primary Care Trusts (PCT), ContactPoint (mentioned above [and organisations that require access to data in the Learner Registration System as part of the MIAP (Managing Information Across Partners) programme and Connexions (see below)] All these are data controllers in respect of the data they receive, and are subject to the same legal constraints in how they deal with the data.

Students, as data subjects, have certain rights under the Data Protection Act, including a general right to be given access to personal data held about them by any data controller. The presumption is that by the age of 12 a child has sufficient maturity to understand their rights and to make an access request themselves if they wish. A parent would normally be expected to make a request on a child’s behalf if the child is younger.

If you wish to access your personal data, or that of your child, then please contact the relevant organisation in writing. Details of these organisations can be found on the following website – www.ttsonline.net or for those students/parents where this is not practical, a hard copy can be obtained from the Headmaster’s Professional Assistant at the School.

For students of 13 years and over, the school is legally required to pass on certain information to Connexions services providers on request. Connexions is the government’s support service for all young people aged 13 to 19 in England. This information includes the name and address of the student and parent, and any further information relevant to the Connexions services’ role. However parents, or the students themselves if aged 16 or over, can ask that no information beyond name and address (for student and parent) be passed on to Connexions. If as a parent, or as a student aged 16 or over, you wish to opt-out and do not want Connexions to receive from the school information beyond name and address, then please contact Mrs Giles in the General Office by Monday 10 November.

Your attention is drawn to Layer 2 of this Fair Processing Notice, which gives supplementary information about the processing of student data by the organisations mentioned above, and gives greater details of how the student data is processed and the rights of parents and students. Either can be obtained by visiting the School website – www.ttsonline.net or by contacting the Headmaster’s Professional Assistant at the School.