
Privacy notice for pupils – analysis of impact on attainment

Evaluation of the National Tutoring Programme Year 3

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) is an important part of the Government’s Covid-19 recovery response, providing schools with funding to spend on targeted tuition support for pupils who have been hit hardest by the disruption caused by the pandemic. Information about the NTP and its tutoring routes can be found [here](#).

The Department for Education (DfE) has asked the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to evaluate the NTP. The evaluation will explore the impact of the programme on pupil attainment in maths and English in Years 6 and 11 in the programme’s third year (2022-23) and the longer-term impact on pupils who participated in the NTP in previous years (2020-21 and 2021-22). It will explore how the impact of the NTP varies by pupil characteristics, region and amount of tutoring received.

Data will be obtained from existing datasets, such as the School Census and National Pupil Database.

This privacy notice provides information about how pupils’ personal data will be accessed and processed for the evaluation. A link to the DfE’s programme privacy notice can be found [here](#).

2 Who is this project sponsored and funded by?

The DfE has commissioned the NFER to carry out this evaluation.

The DfE is the data controller for any personal information used for this evaluation. It has determined the means and purpose of the processing of personal data in the evaluation. The NFER is a data processor; it only follows the instructions of DfE when processing personal data.

3 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

DfE is the data controller and have commissioned the NFER to process the data for the evaluation as it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in public interest vested in the DfE as controller (article 6 1 e).

The statutory basis for these tasks are set out in:

- S.10 The Education Act 1996: The Secretary of State shall promote the education of the people of England and Wales.

A separate legal basis is identified for processing special data. The legal basis for processing special data is covered by:

GDPR Article 9 (1) (g) which states that processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

4 How will personal data be obtained?

DfE will provide NFER with pseudonymised pupil data from its School Census and National Pupil Database (NPD). Such extracts will have names and unique pupil numbers replaced. They are still considered as personal data because the type of information (including amongst others gender, educational attainment and ethnicity - see Section 5 for full list) could be combined to identify a pupil.

For pupils who participated in the NTP in 2021-22 and/or 2022-23, NFER will access pseudonymised pupil data from archived datasets used for the evaluations in the first two years of the programme.

5 What personal data is being collected by this project?

Where available, the following pseudonymised data will be collected about pupils in Years 6 and 11 in 2022-23 (those involved in the NTP and a matched comparison group):

- School name
- Local authority / region
- School unique reference number (URN)
- Phase of education (primary/secondary)
- Pupil Matching Reference Number (i.e. pseudonymised pupil name and UPN and Date of birth)
- Background characteristics such as gender, ethnicity*, socio-economic status and household proximity to school
- Pupil Premium and Free School Meals eligibility
- Attainment at Key Stage 1, 2 and 4 (where relevant)
- Whether the pupil is in care or a child in need
- Special educational needs*
- Language (used to translate into English as an Additional Language/EAL)
- School attendance/exclusion
- Receipt of NTP tutoring in each year of the NTP
- If received tutoring, number of hours of tutoring received
- Year group

- Date of first tutoring session, date of last tutoring session.

*considered special data

6 Who will personal data be shared with?

No schools or individuals will be named in any report for this project.

Any personal data shared between DfE and NFER will be via the DfE NPD and the Office of National Statistics (ONS) Secure Research Service (SRS).

7 Is personal data being transferred outside of the European Economic Areas (EEA)?

No personal data collected by the NFER is being transferred outside of the EEA.

8 How long will personal data be retained?

All personal data relating to/processed in the evaluation will be stored for six months following the publication of the final research report (expected in spring/summer 2024), then securely deleted. Pseudonymised pupil data will be archived so that it can be analysed by researchers in the future.

9 How is the security of data maintained?

All data will be accessed and analysed within the Office of National Statistics (ONS) Secure Research Service (SRS).

NFER has measures in place to prevent personal data being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. NFER limits access to personal data to staff members who have a business need to see it.

10 What rights do I have over my personal data?

If you do not wish for your data to be included in the evaluation, please contact NTP@nfer.ac.uk and we will ensure we do not receive the data for analysis from DfE/ONS.

Under data protection legislation, individuals have the right:

- to request access to information that we hold about them (subject access request)
- to have their 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 pupil’s personal data (for example, permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to our processing
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on the pupil

If at any time you wish your data that’s being used for the evaluation to be corrected, please contact the NFER at NTP@nfer.ac.uk

If you wish to make a subject access request, restrict or object to processing, please contact our Compliance Officer compliance@nfer.ac.uk.

11 Who can I contact about this project?

The NFER is responsible for the day-to-day management of the evaluation. Please contact NTP@nfer.ac.uk with any queries.

DfE determines the purposes and means of processing personal data as part of this project. Please see the DfE’s [Personal Information Charter](#) for further information and contact details for their Data Protection Officer.

If you have a concern about the way this project processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us or DfE in the first instance (see the details above). If you remain dissatisfied, you can contact the Information Commissioner’s Office, the body responsible for enforcing data protection legislation in the UK, at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

12 Updates

We keep this privacy notice under review to make sure it is up to date and accurate. Any changes will be noted. The date when this privacy notice was last updated is shown in the footer at the bottom of this document.