

Privacy Notice - Development of year 6 NFER tests in reading, mathematics and grammar punctuation and spelling (GPS)

1. Why are we collecting this data?

As part of the ongoing development of the NFER's assessment products these year 6 tests are being developed to assess the current national curriculum in year 6 reading, mathematics and GPS with the aim of providing teachers with results which will allow their pupils' progress from the end of year 5, through to the autumn and spring terms of year 6 to be benchmarked.

NFER will use the data collected to match the children's year 5 test results to the results of the tests that they take in the autumn, spring and summer terms of year 6, enabling progress to be mapped. In addition, the pupils' test results will be aggregated by their background characteristics, such as gender, or special needs, in order to establish whether the tests are working appropriately for children from all groups.

2. What is the legal basis for processing activities?

One of NFER's core tasks is the development, trialling and delivering of assessments, it is therefore in our legitimate interest (GDPR Article 6 (1) (f)) to undertake this processing.

3. How will personal data be obtained?

NFER will obtain data from schools that volunteer to trial the year 6 NFER tests. Schools will be asked to provide pupil name, date of birth, gender, home language, ethnicity, unique pupil number, NFER year 5 test results and end of KS2 year 6 test results so this can be matched to assessment results from the NFER trial.

Data will be transferred securely using the NFER school portal, hosted by our third party hosting provider Dudobi.

4. Who will the personal data be shared with?

Personal data will not be shared with any third party or transferred outside of the European Economic Area.

5. How long will personal data be retained?

Data is not kept longer than is necessary and is deleted in accordance with NFER's internal policy. All electronic records will be kept for 6 months following the close of the project the data was collected for.

6. Can I stop my personal data being used?

NFER handles personal data in accordance with the rights given to individuals under data protection legislation. If at any time you wish us to withdraw your data or correct errors in it, please contact Dave Hereward by email to TESS@nfer.ac.uk.

In certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to restrict or object to processing. They also have the right to make a subject access request to see all the information held about them. To exercise any of these rights, please contact our [Compliance Officer](#).

7. Are any decisions taken about me based on the automated processing of my data?

NFER does not make any decisions about you based on the automated processing of data.

8. Who can I contact about this project?

If you have any queries about this test development exercise, please contact Dave Hereward by email to TESS@nfer.ac.uk with any queries.

If you have a concern about the way this project processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance (compliance@nfer.ac.uk). Alternatively, 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/>.