
Privacy Notice for Research into Teacher Training – Pupils

1 Why are we collecting this data?

NFER is collecting personal data to enable a greater understanding into three different routes into teacher training. Analysis of pupil outcomes on the GL Assessment Progress Test in Maths (collected in September 2019 and June 2020) and information from the National Pupil Database (NPD) will be used to identify if any differences in pupil progress are associated with different routes to teacher training.

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) have funded this research with NFER being the data controller.

2 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing personal data is covered by:

GDPR Article 6 (1) (f) which states that ‘processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party except where such interest are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of the personal data’.

We have carried out a legitimate interest assessment, which demonstrates that the evaluation fulfils one of NFER’s core business purposes (undertaking research, evaluation and information activities). It has broader societal benefits and will contribute to improving the lives of learners by providing evidence for schools when making decisions about how to recruit and support new teachers.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

NFER will contact the schools participating in the project to ask them to provide pupil data via a secure online portal. The data will be for pupils in the class being taught by the NQT.

Pupils will take the GL Assessment Progress Test in Maths (PTM) in September 2019 and June 2020. Completed test booklets will be returned to NFER using a secure courier. Test booklets will

be sent to GL Assessment who will mark them and return the test booklets and the results to NFER.

4 What personal data is being collected by this project?

Pupils' personal data collected from schools by NFER for this project will be their name, date of birth, gender and Unique Pupil Number (UPN). This data is required so that we can research whether there is any impact on different groups of pupils.

To gain information about the free school meal (FSM) eligibility status of the pupils on FSM, NFER will provide the DFE Data Sharing Team at the DFE with the names of the pupils, their dates of birth and UPNs, allowing a match to the National Pupil database (NPD). After the matching process has taken place, NFER will then analyse this data using the Secure Research Service (SRS) based at the Office for National Statistics (ONS). NFER will access the data for analysis through the SRS secure online system. The SRS system does not allow users to remove or copy data from its servers.

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

Assessment data from the Progress Test in Maths will be shared via secure courier with GL Assessment so they can undertake the marking of the test booklets. Results data, with the marked booklets, will be returned to NFER securely.

For the purposes of the research, pupils' names, dates of birth, UPNs and test scores will be linked with information about the pupils from the National Pupil Database (NPD). At the end of EEF evaluations this data is archived to allow for further secondary analysis. At this point, EEF becomes the data controller and NFER is no longer responsible for the data and are no longer a data controller.

At the time of writing, a process is being agreed with the DfE and the ONS for transferring the current EEF archive to the ONS. The de-identified¹ datasets from this project will, in time, be added to the EEF archive. The EEF archive is hosted by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and managed by the EEF archive manager. Other research teams may use the de-identified data as part of subsequent research through the Approved Researcher Scheme². The Approved Researcher Scheme is used by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to grant secure access to data that cannot be published openly, for statistical research purposes, as permitted by the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (SRSA).

¹ De-identified means that names, dates of birth and unique pupil number (UPN) are removed from data before it is made available to researchers accessing the archive.

² <https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/whatwedo/statistics/requestingstatistics/approvedresearcherscheme>

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

No personal data is stored or transferred outside of the EEA.

7 How long will personal data be retained?

NFER will delete all personal data after three months from completion of the project.

8 Can I stop my child's personal data being used?

Yes, 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 data or correct errors in it, please contact Victoria Johnson at teachertraining@nfer.ac.uk or 01753 637441.

In certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to restrict or object to processing, please contact our Compliance Officer at compliance@nfer.ac.uk. They also have the right to see information held about them. NFER will cooperate fully when a subject access request (SAR) is made.

9 Who can I contact about this project?

NFER are responsible for the day-to-day management of this project. Contact teachertraining@nfer.ac.uk or 01753 637441 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 (see the details above). 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/>

10 Updates

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. The date when this privacy notice was last updated is shown in the footer at the bottom of this document.