
Privacy Notice

Research on learning recovery in Yorkshire and the Humber

1 Why are we collecting data?

White Rose Maths (WRM) has commissioned the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to conduct research to understand more about the specific impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on pupils in schools in Yorkshire and the Humber region. There is some evidence to suggest that the pandemic has had a particularly adverse impact on pupils' learning in the region compared to other areas of England. This study seeks to understand the challenges that schools have faced and how recovery in the region can best be supported.

The study will involve a review of existing evidence to explore the attainment gap due to Covid-19 and evidence of regional factors that may underpin any variation. The study will also survey senior leaders and subject leaders of English/literacy and maths/numeracy in maintained primary and secondary schools in Yorkshire and the Humber region to explore their perceptions of the challenges they have encountered and what support they require.

This Privacy Notice outlines how the personal data of school staff will be collected and processed as part of the project. White Rose Maths and NFER are joint data controllers for this project.

2 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing personal data is covered by GDPR Article 6 (1) (f):

Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for your (or a third party's) legitimate interests unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests.

We have carried out a legitimate interest assessment, which demonstrates that the research fulfils one of our core business purposes (undertaking research, evaluation and information activities). The research project has broader societal benefits and aims to ultimately contribute to improving the lives of learners by identifying recovery strategies and support for schools in Yorkshire and the Humber.

The research cannot be done without processing personal data but processing does not override the data subject's interests.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

Personal data about school staff will be collected directly from schools participating in the survey.

4 What personal data is being collected by this project?

The NFER will collect the views of school leaders and maths and English subject leaders who complete an online survey.

The survey will ask for respondents’:

- Job role
- School name
- Views on teaching and learning strategies during partial school closures
- Views on pupils’ current learning needs
- Views on learning recovery strategies
- Views on challenges to learning recovery
- Views on support required to aid learning recovery.

The survey will be sent to each school’s email address, which will be the headteacher email where this is publically available, and we will ask that the survey is forwarded on to a senior leader and the head of/lead for English/literacy and Maths/numeracy. The survey will not collect respondents names or contact details but it is possible that we will collect this information from participants who contact us (e.g. to provide a name and email address of an appropriate colleague who they wish the survey to be sent to).

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

No individual respondents will be named in any report for this project. No personal data collected via the survey and in relation to administration of the survey will be shared with White Rose Maths or anyone outside of NFER.

The survey will be managed and run using Questback software. Their privacy policy can be found here: <https://www.questback.com/data-privacy/privacy-policy/>.

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?

Data collected for the project, will be stored securely in the NFER systems until the final report of this research project is published. This is currently expected to be February 2022. NFER will delete all personal data from its systems within one year of publication of this final report.

8 How is the security of my data maintained?

The NFER have put in place appropriate measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

9 Can I stop my personal data being used?

You can withdraw from the study and from data processing at any time. NFER and WRM appreciate participants' responses to the survey to explore the learning recovery support needs of schools in Yorkshire and the Humber region. If you start the survey but decide not to complete it we may still use responses to any questions you have completed.

Under certain circumstances, you have the right:

- to request access to information that we hold about you (subject access request)
- to have your 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 your 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 you.

To exercise these rights, please contact our Compliance Officer, compliance@nfer.ac.uk

10 Who can I contact about this project?

If you have any questions about this study or taking part in the survey, please contact: learningrecoveryYH@nfer.ac.uk

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). 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/>.

11 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.