
Privacy Notice for students - Evaluation of White Rose Maths post-16 maths CPD

1 Why are we collecting this data?

Teachers and lecturers at your college are participating in a programme of continuing professional development (CPD) to help ensure GCSE and Functional Skills maths are taught in the most effective way possible. This professional development programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and provided by White Rose Maths (WRM).

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) are independently evaluating the effectiveness of the programme. To help us understand this we would like to speak to 16-19 year old college students who are studying GCSE or Functional Skills maths to find out what you think about how you are taught maths and your attitudes towards maths.

The evaluation will take place between January 2023 and September 2025 and NFER will be visiting a small number of colleges during this time.

2 Who is this project sponsored and funded by?

This work is being carried out by The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER), on behalf of WRM, the data controller. NFER is the data processor.

3 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing your 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(s) or by a third party, unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests'.

A legitimate interest assessment has been undertaken. It demonstrates that the research is within the interests of WRM to deliver this new professional development programme. The evaluation has wider societal benefits as it will inform the development of post-16 maths CPD and support improved outcomes for learners. The research cannot be done without processing personal data but processing does not override your interests.

4 How will personal data be obtained?

Your college has agreed to contribute to the evaluation by being a ‘case study’. This will involve a researcher visiting the college to conduct brief focus group discussions with a small number of students who are studying for their maths GCSE or Functional Skills Qualification (FSQ) at college. Your teacher/lecturer will invite you to participate in a focus group discussion and you can let them know whether or not you are happy to take part. We would really appreciate the opportunity to speak to you as it will help to inform how effective maths teaching can be supported, but participation is entirely voluntary.

5 What personal data is being collected by this project?

Personal data collected by this project about you is described below.

- Your name, age, subjects studying at college, GCSE grade previously achieved.
- Your attitudes towards maths and experience of studying GCSE/FSQ maths at college, how it compares to previous GCSE maths study and the outcomes achieved.

6 Who will personal data be shared with?

NFER will produce a publishable report for WRM. No individual or college will be identifiable in NFER’s report, unless permission has explicitly been given by the individual (the data subject in data protection jargon). All of the findings from the evaluation will only be shared in anonymised form. We will not share your personal data with WRM or anyone else outside of NFER.

7 Is personal data being transferred outside of the UK?

Neither WRM nor NFER will transfer any data outside of the UK.

8 How long will personal data be retained?

The NFER will delete any personal data within one year of publication of the final report, which is scheduled for September 2025. At the latest, all personal data will be deleted by September 2026.

9 Can I stop my personal data being used?

WRM and the NFER will handle your 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 from the project or correct errors in it, please contact NFER at: s.straw@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 the NFER's Compliance Officer at compliance@nfer.ac.uk.

10 Who can I contact about this project?

NFER is responsible for the day-to-day management of this project. Please contact Suzanne Straw at NFER on 01904 567661 or at: s.straw@nfer.ac.uk

WRM determines the purposes and means of processing personal data as part of this project. Their representative, Matt Ainscough (the WRM project manager for this evaluation), can be contacted at: mainscough@whiterosemaths.com. You can also contact WRM's data protection officer, Adam Phillips, at: aphillips@whiterosemaths.com

If you have a concern about the way this project processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with NFER (see the details above) or WRM in the first instance. 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 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.