



Formative evaluation of NELI Preschool

Privacy notice for parents and carers

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has commissioned the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to carry out an evaluation of the NELI Preschool programme delivered by OxEd & Assessment (OxEd). As part of this project, NFER is carrying out a formative evaluation prior to the main effectiveness trial in order to better understand the experience of private, voluntary and independent (PVI) nurseries while using the NELI Preschool programme.

The formative evaluation will focus on the activities and delivery of NELI Preschool between January and April 2024, although the programme will continue to be delivered until July 2024.

This document outlines how children’s personal data will be collected and processed as part of the formative evaluation. Your child’s data will be treated with the strictest confidence and processed in accordance with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. We will not use your child’s name in any report arising from the research.

There is a separate privacy notice for nursery staff and nurseries, which covers any staff personal data that we would be collecting as part of the formative evaluation.

This privacy notice only covers the formative evaluation of the NELI programme. OxEd will also use your child’s data to deliver the NELI Preschool programme. Their processing is covered by a separate privacy notice, found [here](#).

NFER is the data controller for the formative evaluation and will make decisions about how and what personal data is used in accordance with the objectives of the study set by the EEF. OxEd is the data processor for delivery of the NELI Preschool programme during the formative evaluation. Following the formative evaluation, some of the data collected by NFER will be anonymised and shared with OxEd to further develop the NELI Preschool programme.

2 What is the lawful basis for processing activities?

The lawful 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.

A legitimate interest assessment has been undertaken. 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 about the impact of teaching techniques used in the classroom. Research cannot be done without processing personal data, but NFER will ensure your child's data is protected at all times.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

Children's personal data and language screening results will be collected via OxEd's LanguageScreen software (see privacy notice here). Nursery practitioners will enter personal child data into LanguageScreen as part of the assessment process. OxEd will then share this data with NFER via NFER's secure online portal.

In addition, NFER will collect information for each participating child on whether they are eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), as well as nursery attendance and target group allocation information directly from nurseries via NFER's secure online portal.

Ten nurseries will participate in a case study, which will involve a visit from the NFER research team to observe how the NELI Preschool sessions work in practice. It is possible that your child may be observed as part of this, but no further personal data will be collected.

4 What personal data is collected for the formative evaluation?

OxEd's LanguageScreen App will be used to collect the following personal data for each child aged 3-4 years in participating nurseries to be used in the formative evaluation:

- full name
- date of birth
- class (if applicable)
- gender
- English as a Second Language (EAL) status (as perceived by nursery staff)
- scores for LanguageScreen assessment carried out prior to programme delivery.

In addition, NFER will collect the following personal data for each child aged 3-4 years in participating nurseries:

- Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) eligibility
- Attendance patterns at the nursery
- Whether or not they were selected for the targeted intervention

- Attendance at each of the NELI Preschool sessions (10 nurseries only - optional)

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

Personal data collected by OxEd will be shared with NFER using NFER's secure online portal.

NFER will share non-identifiable child attendance patterns at the nursery and child attendance at NELI Preschool sessions with OxEd using NFER's secure online portal. This attendance data will be anonymised, although the nursery will still be identifiable.

No personal data will be shared with anyone beyond the relevant staff at NFER and OxEd.

No individual will be named in any report for this project.

6 Is personal data being transferred outside of the UK?

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

7 How long will personal data be retained?

NFER will delete any personal data collected as part of their formative evaluation within one year of publication of the final report. This deletion process is currently planned for June 2028.

8 Can I stop my child's 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 child's data collected during this study or correct errors in it, please contact the Project Leader at NFER, Palak Roy, by email at NELIPreschool@nfer.ac.uk. NFER will still use the personal data that has been provided up to the point you wish to withdraw unless you tell us otherwise.

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. NFER will cooperate fully when a subject access request (SAR) is made to them as data controller. To exercise these rights, please contact our Compliance Officer: compliance@nfer.ac.uk.

9 Who can I contact about this project?

NFER is responsible for the day-to-day management of the project. If you have any queries about this formative evaluation, contact the Project Leader at NFER, Palak Roy, by email at NELIPreschool@nfer.ac.uk.

If you have a concern about the way this evaluation processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance (see 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/>.

10 Last updated

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.