

Horsham Montessori's Privacy Notice

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Introduction

Horsham Montessori are committed to ensuring that any personal data we hold about you and your child is protected in accordance with data protection laws and is used in line with your expectations.

This privacy notice explains what personal data we collect, why we collect it, how we use it and how we protect it.

What personal data do we collect?

We collect personal data about you and your child to provide care and learning that is tailored to meet your child's individual needs. We also collect information in order to verify your eligibility for free childcare as applicable.

Personal details that we collect about your child include:

- your child's name, sex, date of birth, address, home language, dietary requirements, allergies, vaccinations, GP, previous nurseries, health and medical needs, development needs, and any special educational needs
- passport or birth certificate number and ethnic origin to claim Free Entitlement funding from West Sussex County Council

Where applicable we will obtain child protection plans from social care professionals, and health care plans from health professionals.

We will also ask for information about who has parental responsibility for your child and any court orders pertaining to your child.

Personal details that we collect about you include:

- your name, address, phone numbers, email and emergency contact details

This information will be collected from you directly in the registration form.

If you apply for Free Entitlement Funding for free childcare, we will also collect:

- your date of birth and National Insurance number, or unique taxpayer reference (UTR) if you're self-employed. We may also collect information regarding benefits and family credits that you are in receipt of.

Why we collect this information and the legal basis for handling your data

We use personal data about you and your child in order to provide childcare services and fulfil the contractual arrangement you have entered into. This includes using your data to:

- contact you in case of an emergency
- to support your child's wellbeing and development
- to manage any special educational, health or medical needs of your child whilst at our setting
- to carry out regular assessment of your child's progress and to identify any areas of concern
- to maintain contact with you about your child's progress and respond to any questions you may have
- to process your claim for up to 30 hours free childcare (only where applicable)
- to keep you updated with information about our service

With your consent, we will also record your child's activities for their individual learning record. This may include photographs and videos. You will have the opportunity to withdraw your consent at any time by confirming so in writing (see parental permissions and agreement forms).

We have a legal obligation to process safeguarding-related data about your child should we have concerns about their welfare. We also have a legal obligation to transfer records and certain information about your child to the school that your child will be attending.

Who we share your data with

In order for us to deliver childcare services we will also share your data as required with the following categories of recipients:

- Ofsted – during an inspection or following a complaint about our service
- West Sussex County Council, and other local authorities if required
- the government's eligibility checker (where you claim up to 30 hours free childcare as applicable)
- our insurance underwriter
- our nursery management software and communications platform (Family)
- our online software system for recording developmental progress using Montessori parameters and information for professional reports (My Montessori Child)
- the school that your child will be attending
- health professionals

We will also share your data if:

- we are legally required to do so, for example, by law, by a court or the Charity Commission;
- to enforce or apply the terms and conditions of your contract with us;
- to protect your child and other children; for example by sharing information with social care or the police;
- it is necessary to protect our rights, property or safety
- we transfer the management of the setting, in which case we may disclose your personal data to the prospective buyer so they may continue the service in the same way.

We will never share your data with any other organisation to use for their own purposes.

How do we protect your data?

We protect unauthorised access to your personal data and prevent it from being lost, accidentally destroyed, misused, or disclosed by:

- keeping all paperwork securely stored in a lockable cupboard
- storing electronic records on password-protected computers and devices

- ensuring data access is user-dependent (staff are given individual access rights on a need-to-know basis by the setting manager)

How long do we retain your data?

We retain your child's personal data for up to three years after your child no longer uses our setting, or until our next Ofsted inspection after your child leaves our setting. In some instances (child protection, or other support service referrals) we are obliged to keep your data for longer if it is necessary to comply with legal requirements.

Medication records and accident records are kept for longer according to legal requirements. Your child's paper learning and development records and completed work are handed to you when your child leaves. Your child's electronic learning and development records are retained as an archive by My Montessori Child according to legal requirements.

Your rights with respect to your data

You have the right to:

- request access, amend or correct your/your child's personal data
- request that we delete or stop processing your/your child's personal data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- request that we transfer your, and your child's, personal data to another person

If you wish to exercise any of these rights at any time or if you have any questions, comments or concerns about this privacy notice, or how we handle your data please contact us. If you continue to have concerns about the way your data is handled and remain dissatisfied after raising your concern with us, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or ico.org.uk/

Changes to this notice

We keep this notice under regular review. You will be notified of any changes where appropriate.