



Privacy Notice – COVID-19 Testing

How We Use Student & Staff Information

To enable the COVID-19 testing to be completed at High Tunstall College of Science, we need to process personal data for staff and students taking part, including sharing of personal data where we have a legal obligation. High Tunstall College of Science is the Data Controller for the data required for processing the tests and undertaking any actions which are needed by the College to ensure we meet our Public Health and Safeguarding Legal Obligations. All data is processed under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002. Data Controllership is then passed to the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) at the point that we transfer data to them.

Personal Data Involved in the Process

We use the following information to help us manage and process the tests:

- Name
- Date of birth (and year group)
- Gender
- Home postcode
- Email address
- Mobile number
- Unique barcode assigned to each individual test and which will become the primary reference number for the tests
- Test result
- Parent/Carers contact details (if required)

We will only use information that is collected directly from you specifically for the purpose of the tests, even if you have previously provided us with this information.

How We Store Your Personal Information

The information will only be stored securely on local spreadsheets in college whilst it is needed. It will also be entered directly onto DHSC digital services for the NHS Test and Trace purposes. The College will not have access to the information on the digital service once it has been entered.

Processing of Personal Data Relating to Positive Test Results

The member of staff, student or parent/carer (depending on contact details provided) will be informed of the result by the College and advised how to book a confirmatory test.

The College will use this information to enact their own COVID isolation processes without telling anyone who it is that has received the positive test.

The information will be transferred to DHSC, who will share this with the NHS, PHE and the Local Government will use this information for wider test and trace activities as well as statistical and research purposes.

This information is processed and shared under obligations set out in Public Health legislation under Regulations 3(1) and (4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI) which allows the sharing of data for COVID related purposes.

This information will be kept by the College for up to 14 days and by the NHS for 8 years.

Processing of Personal Data Relating to Negative Test Results

The College will record a negative result and the information will be transferred to DHSC, NHS, PHE and the Local Government who will use the information for statistical and research purposes. This information is processed and shared under obligations set out in Public Health legislation under Regulations 3(1) and (4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI) which allows the sharing of data for COVID related purposes.

This information will be kept by the College for up to 14 days and by the NHS for 8 years.

Who We Share Student Information With

The personal data associated with test results will be shared with DHSC, NHS, PHE and local government to ensure they take the necessary actions they need to complete under their legal obligations.

Your Rights

Under data protection law, you have rights including:

Your right of access – You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information.

Your right to rectification – You have the right to ask us to rectify personal information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

Your right to erasure – You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to restriction of processing – You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to object to processing – You have the right to object to the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to data portability – You have the right to ask that we transfer the personal information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

Please contact us at htadmin@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk or 01429 261446 or the College's Data Protection Officer (DPO), Veritau Ltd, at schoolsdpo@veritau.co.uk you wish to make a request.

How to Complain

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal information, you can make a complaint to us at htadmin@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk or the College's DPO, Veritau Ltd, at schoolsdpo@veritau.co.uk you wish to make a request.

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how we have used your data. The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Helpline number: 0303 123 1111