



PRIVACY NOTICE

Research Study Title: Children's Places: how they can shape health and influence social and economic outcomes

We are a group of researchers from Imperial College London investigating the effects of environmental influences on educational attainment and wider social and economic implications. This document tells you about our study, how your information contributes to this research, and how we protect your information.

WHY IS THIS RESEARCH BEING DONE?

In our daily life, we are exposed to many factors that can affect our health and behaviours in a good way (e.g. presence of green spaces and healthy-food shops) or in a bad way (e.g. polluted air, presence of alcohol outlets, betting shops and other social hazards). In our study, we are investigating how characteristics of the different places where children spend their time may influence their health and behaviours, generating impacts on education and skills development. We study how much polluted air students breathe when they are at home, at school or on their way to school, how walkable the neighbourhoods are, the presence of social hazards in the environments they frequent and what food is available to students in the surroundings of their homes and schools. In doing so, we will identify new approaches for policy makers to characterise the healthiness of places and the educational, social and economic benefit this brings to the area and children living in the area. Implementing effective solutions will benefit children and the wider public in creating health places to live, work and interact in.

HOW DO WE PROTECT DATA?

To perform this research, we will use information on pupils across England and will act as the data controller for this study. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. Data is pseudonymised so we cannot directly identify you. After the end of the study, we will keep the processed data according to Imperial College London's retention periods <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/records-and-archives/public/RetentionSchedule.pdf>. A link to Imperial College London's data protection webpage may be found at <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/secretariat/information-governance/data-protection/> however, this is the notice most applicable to the information provided by participants and therefore takes precedence for all purposes described hereunder.

WHAT INFORMATION WE RECEIVE AND HOW WE USE IT?

We get information about students for this research study from the National Pupil Database, which was collected through the School Census. This information includes pseudonymized ID, age, the area where students live and go to school, how they go to school, and some exams results. To ensure that our work is beneficial to all pupils, we also require information about you that is considered more

sensitive, namely “special category data”, such as ethnic origin and gender. We get this information from the Department of Education, look after that carefully, and always follow the rules that are written in the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) document.

LEGAL BASIS

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. In the case of this research, we use personal information to conduct research that will be in the **public interest**. As a publicly-funded organisation, we have to ensure that when we use personally identifiable information from people who have agreed to take part in research, it is in the public interest.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) regulates data protection and privacy matters in the UK. We will conduct scientific research in compliance with the law and the recommendations and guidance published by the ICO.

YOUR RIGHTS

Your usual statutory rights to access, change or move your information are limited, because of the exceptions applicable to this type of research, and also because we need to manage your information in specific, lawful ways in order for the research to be reliable and accurate. However, if you would like to exercise any of your rights, please contact the Department for Education at data.sharing@education.gov.uk using the information below.

Your rights include:

- Right to access your personal information
- Right to correct your data
- Right to erase your data, stop or limit our processing of your data

CONTACT US

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data or if you want to find out more about how we use your information, please contact us at d.fecht@imperial.ac.uk.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not lawful you can contact Imperial College London's Data Protection before involving the regulator.