

Privacy Notice – Children Missing from Education (CME)

Southwark Council uses your personal data to support your child in returning to education. As your local authority we have a legal duty under sections 437 to 443 of the Education Act 1996 to ensure children are receiving a suitable education.

Your personal information is retained by us for up to 25 years unless the child has had a statement of special educational needs/EHC Plan or has been in local authority care in which case longer statutory data retention rules apply. It is then deleted or destroyed securely.

We may share your information with other internal or external agencies, as the law allows. All information will be processed under strict protocols in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and other relevant legislation.

Southwark Council is the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you are concerned about how the council is using your data, please contact our Data Protection Officer, via dpo@southwark.gov.uk or on 020 7525 5000.

More information about our rights is available on our website, or via the Information Commissioner (www.ico.org.uk).