20 million children’s identifiable personal data given away in England from the National Pupil Database

defenddigitalme’s campaign asks the UK Department for Education to change their policies to:

- protect 20 million children’s identifiable confidential data in the National Pupil Database
- stop handing out identifiable personal data to commercial third parties and press without consent
- start telling pupils, their guardians and schools what the government does with children’s personal data
- be transparent about policy and practice

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The National Pupil Database is “one of the richest datasets in the world” with 20+ million individual records of identifiable personal data, growing by ca 700K yearly

Every child aged 2-19 in state funded education since 1995 (incl. some Key stage 4 and 5 data from pupils at Independent schools) in England and border areas of Wales (in English schools).

In 2012/13 new legislation ‘opened up’ the database to give individual level personal closed data to third parties, including press, charities and commercial users - privacy notices fail and no one has told the pupils who left school before this change, of new uses

These case studies exclude the public interest academic research use (40%)

At the time of Freedom of Information requests in July 2015, identifiable data were (and continue to be) released to a range of third parties to their own settings, and:

• No small numbers suppression
• No privacy impact assessment (PIA) had been made
• No audits had ever been carried out of the organisations or individuals that had made 600+ requests since 2012 of identifying, individual pupil-level, data
• No transparency: policies, database size, or privacy notices listing 3rd party use
• No Subject Access Requests made had been permitted
• No TOR or published oversight of the data release process or panel responsible
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"date of birth to track progress of different age groups within a class, and postcode to track how different datasets based on address affect results"
“We use data from the NPD to track your students wherever they go within England.”
Mime Consulting

We use our proprietary data warehouse, DataHub, to process a huge range of education data.

This report tracks the outcomes of your primary school year 6 cohort from Key Stage 2 through to Key Stages 4 and 5.

We use data from the National Pupil Database (NPD) to track your students wherever they go within England. We compare the cohort against national averages as well as other students in the schools the pupils went to. The report provide insights into the relative influence of the primary school on the pupils future outcomes.
“The Tutor Hunt network helps both tutors and students find each other.”

Level of individual pupil data granted: Tier 1 (pupil level, identifying and highly sensitive) 03/4/2015 and can keep the data until: 31/03/2017.
The schools pages here give the parents a comprehensive guide to local schools. One feature which we are looking to add is to show a school's catchment area. We aim to implement something similar to the below heat map for each school.

To implement this we would need pupils' post code data for all schools.

Heat map key

- Red: Higher concentration of students
- Green: Lower concentration of students

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ANNA (0.2MI FROM SCHOOL)

Location: Stockport, Cheshire
I am a qualified law teacher with experience of working w...
[more]

Subjects: Law

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ELLY (0.4MI FROM SCHOOL)

Location: Stockport, Cheshire
Are you looking for a private tutor who teaches the life...
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profiling and predictive scoring
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• Home Office policy now using national pupil data monthly for matching and sharing on up to 1,500 pupils. Name Home and School address, Gender, DOB. from up to last 5 years
• Census expansion 2016: new nationality data “for understanding impact of immigration on education system” but nationality data was originally intended for Removals Casework Team as a compromise agreed in July 2015 to collect it from every child
• Ministerial answers to Parliamentary written questions in July 2016 denied this intent “currently no plans to share the data with other government departments” and omitted to say that monthly transfers already been happening in secret for a year
• MOU in place included “(once collected) nationality data” until amendment signed off on Oct 14, 2016 AFTER nationality data collected in autumn census and had removed that ‘nationality’ line
• Now take action to #BoycottSchoolCensus - nationality data are optional and parents and schools can use ‘refused’ code before next collection date May 18 to retract data already submitted
From December 2015 - October 14, 2016

“Nationality data (once collected)”

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/377285/response/941438/attach/
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As seen on twitter reportedly outside the Department for Education, Great Smith Street, London
Action to take before May 18, 2017

Against Borders for Children
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@SchoolsABC     Refuse Retract Resist
https://www.schoolsabc.net/resources/

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