



Privacy Notice: Research centres

This privacy notice applies to those engaged with Regent's Park College's research centres and projects, including the Centre for Baptist Studies (CBS) the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture (ORCC), the Oxford Prospects and Global Development Institute (OPGDI), the Project for the Study of Love in Religion, and the Centre for Law and Religion. This notice includes groups' mailing lists, conferences and events, and publication sales.

A summary of what this notice explains

Regent's Park College is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal data.

This notice explains what personal data Regent's Park College holds about colleagues involved in our research centres' activities ("you"), how we use it internally, how we share it, how long we keep it and what your legal rights are in relation to it.

For the parts of your personal data that you supply to us, this notice also explains the basis on which you are required or requested to provide the information. For the parts of your personal data that we generate about you, or that we receive from others, it explains the source of the data.

There are some instances where we process your personal data on the basis of your consent. This notice sets out the categories and purposes of data where your consent is needed.

Regent's Park College has also published separate notices, which are applicable to other groups and activities. Those notices may also apply to you, depending on your circumstances, and it is important that you read this privacy notice together with other applicable privacy notices:

1. conferences, events and venue hire

2. current students
3. current staff, office holders and senior members
4. archives (which explains what data we hold in our archive)
5. security, maintenance and health and safety (including how we use CCTV)
6. website and cookies (including how we monitor use of our website)

You can access these privacy notices, and past versions of our privacy notices on [our website](#).

What is your personal data and how does the law regulate our use of it?

“Personal data” is information relating to you as a living, identifiable individual. We refer to this as “your data”.

Data protection law requires Regent’s Park College (“us” or “we”), as data controller for your data:

- To process your data in a lawful, fair and transparent way;
- To only collect your data for explicit and legitimate purposes;
- To only collect data that is relevant, and limited to the purpose(s) we have told you about;
- To ensure that your data is accurate and up to date;
- To ensure that your data is only kept as long as necessary for the purpose(s) we have told you about;
- To ensure that appropriate security measures are used to protect your data.

Regent’s Park College’s contact details

If you need to contact us about your data, please contact the director of the appropriate research centre in the first instance:

Centre for Baptist Studies:

Dr Tim Middleton, centre.baptist.studies@regents.ox.ac.uk

Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture:

Professor Anthony Reddie, anthony.reddie@regents.ox.ac.uk

Oxford Prospects and Global Development Institute:

Dr Shidong Wang, shidong.wang@regents.ox.ac.uk

Project for the Study of Love in Religion:

Professor Paul Fiddes, paul.fiddes@regents.ox.ac.uk

Centre for Law & Religion:

Dr Peter Petkoff, peter.petkoff@regents.ox.ac.uk

You may also contact the College's Data Protection Officer.

Data Protection Officer:

Regent's Park College, Pusey Street, Oxford, OX1 2LB

data.protection@regents.ox.ac.uk, 01865 288120

What personal data we hold about you and how we use it

We may hold and use a range of data about you at different stages of our relationship with you. We might receive this data from you; we might create it ourselves, or we might receive it from someone else (for example if someone provides us with a reference about you).

Categories of data that we collect, store and use include (but are not limited to):

- Contact details that you provide to us, including names, email addresses, addresses and telephone numbers.
- Details of event guests, including details of organisations represented and event purpose.
- When purchasing publications or attending events: Financial information including your details of invoicing and outstanding payments (including payment information such as credit card or banking payment information) for facilities, publications and services provided by the College at your request.
- For events: Room and meal booking information, including any dietary requirements, medical issues and/or disabilities that you have notified to us.
Photographs, audio and video recording of events (where applicable).

Further categories of data that we hold are set out in our Records of Processing Activity, which are available on [our Data Protection webpage](#).

The lawful basis on which we process your data

The law requires that we provide you with information about the lawful basis on which we process your personal data, and for what purpose(s).

Most commonly, we will process your data on the following lawful grounds:

- Where it is necessary to perform the contract we have entered into with you;
- Where it is necessary to comply with a legal obligation;
- Where it is necessary for the performance of a task in the public interest;
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party), and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.

We may also use your personal information, typically in an emergency, where this is **necessary to protect your vital interests, or someone else's vital interests**. In a small number of cases where other lawful bases do not apply, we will process your data on the basis of your consent.

How we apply further protection in the case of "Special Categories" of personal data

"Special categories" of particularly sensitive personal information require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information.

The Special Categories of personal data consist of data revealing:

- racial or ethnic origin;
- political opinions;
- religious or philosophical beliefs;
- trade union membership.

They also consist of the processing of:

- genetic data;
- biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying someone;
- data concerning health;
- data concerning someone's sex life or sexual orientation.

We may process special categories of personal information in the following circumstances:

- With your explicit written consent; or
- Where it is necessary in the substantial public interest, in particular:
 - for the exercise of a function conferred on Regent's Park College or anyone else by an enactment or rule of law; or
 - for equal opportunities monitoring;
- Where the processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, or for scientific or historical research purposes, or statistical purposes, subject to further safeguards for your fundamental rights and interests specified in law.

We have in place appropriate policy documents and/or other safeguards which we are required by law to maintain when processing such data.

Less commonly, we may process this type of information where it is needed in relation to legal claims or where it is needed to protect your interests (or someone else's interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public.

Criminal convictions and allegations of criminal activity

Further legal controls apply to data relating to criminal convictions and allegations of criminal activity. We may process such data on the same grounds as those identified for "special categories" referred to above.

Details of our processing activities, including our lawful basis for processing

Details of the lawful bases we rely on for the processing of the categories of data that we hold in relation to our research centres are set out in our Records of Processing Activity. Details of retention periods, plus details of parties to whom we transfer data, and on what basis, are available on [our Data Protection webpage](#).

Data that you provide to us and the possible consequences of you not providing it

Most data that you provide to us is processed by us in order that we, and you, can each fulfil our contractual obligations and/or comply with obligations imposed by law. For example:

- Details of event organisers and guests, including details of organisations represented and event purpose must be provided to us under the contract in place between us, in order that we can properly manage Regent's Park College facilities and ensure that our facilities are not used to further illegal or inappropriate aims.
- Financial information, as listed above, must be provided as part of any contract between us for the provision of services, purchase of products, or access to facilities.

The consequences for any failure to provide such data will depend on the particular circumstances. For example, a failure to provide the relevant financial information will mean that we are unable to process any payment from you and may not be able to enter into the relevant contract with you. A failure to provide accurate organisation and purpose details for events may mean that we choose not to enter into the relevant contract with you, or that an event in progress is not permitted to continue.

Some data that you give to us is provided on a wholly voluntary basis – you have a choice whether to do so. Examples include:

- Contact information for our mailing lists, so that we can keep you informed about events, activities and publications of our research centres.
- Disability and health condition information, which you may choose to provide to us in order that we can take this information into account when allocating appropriate accommodation to you.

Other sources of your data

Apart from the data that you provide to us, we may also process data about you from a range of sources. These include:

- Data that we generate about you, such as when communicating with you, receiving your requests, orders and/or payments;
- Guests attending the relevant conference and/or event;

Our Record of Processing Activity, available on [our Data Protection webpage](#), indicates the sources of each of the various categories of data that we process.

How we share your data

We do not, and will not, sell your data to third parties. We will only share it with third parties external to the collegiate University if we are allowed or required to do so by law.

Examples of bodies to whom we are required by law to disclose certain data include, but are not limited to:

Organisation	Why?
Agencies with responsibilities for the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension and prosecution of offenders.	For the prevention, detection or investigation of crime, for the location and/or apprehension of offenders, and/or for the protection of the public (in cases where there is a duty on us to report).
HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC)	Invoicing information to the extent required to fulfil Regent's Park College's tax reporting obligations.

Examples of bodies to whom we may voluntarily disclose data, in appropriate circumstances, include but are not limited to:

Organisation	Why?
Other Colleges and/or PPHs within the University of Oxford	Where events are progressed on a joint basis.
Third party service providers	To facilities activities of Regent's Park College. Any transfer will be subject to an appropriate, formal agreement between Regent's Park College and the processor.
Agencies with responsibilities for the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension and prosecution of offenders.	For the prevention, detection or investigation of crime, for the location and/or apprehension of offenders, and/or for the protection of the public.

Where information is shared with third parties, we will seek to share the minimum amount of information necessary to fulfil the purpose.

All our third party service providers are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies, and are only permitted to process

your personal data for specific purposes in accordance with our instructions. We do not allow our third party providers to use your personal data for their own purposes.

More extensive information on the categories of recipients of your data is set out in a table on [our Data Protection webpage](#).

Sharing your data outside the United Kingdom

The law provides various further safeguards where data is transferred outside of the UK.

When you are resident outside the UK in a country where there is no “adequacy decision” by the UK Government, and an alternative safeguard is not available, we may still transfer data to you which is necessary for performance of your contract with us.

We may transfer your data outside the United Kingdom, but only for the purposes referred to in this notice and provided either:

- There is a decision of the UK Government that the level of protection of personal data in the recipient country is adequate; or
- Appropriate safeguards are in place to ensure that your data is treated in accordance with UK data protection law, for example through the use of standard contractual clauses; or
- There is an applicable derogation in law which permits the transfer in the absence of an adequacy decision or an appropriate safeguard.

Automated decision-making

We do not envisage that any decisions will be taken about you based solely on automated means, however we will notify you in writing if this position changes.

How long we keep your data

We retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purpose of satisfying any legal, accounting or reporting requirements.

For research centre mailing lists, we retain your name and contact information for as long as you consent.

Details of expected retention periods for the different categories of your personal information that we hold are set out in our Records of Processing Activity, which are available on [our Data Protection webpage](#). Much of the personal data that we hold is covered in our Records for related activities, such as *conferences, events and venue hire*.

Retention periods may increase as a result of legislative changes, e.g. an increase in limitation periods for legal claims would mean that Regent's Park College is required to retain certain categories of personal data for longer. Any such changes will be reflected in updated versions of our Record of Processing Activity.

If there are legal proceedings, a regulatory, disciplinary or criminal investigation, suspected criminal activity, or relevant requests under data protection or freedom of information legislation, it may be necessary for us to suspend the deletion of data until the proceedings, investigation or request have been fully disposed of.

Please note that we may keep anonymised statistical data indefinitely, but you cannot be identified from such data.

Your legal rights over your data

Subject to certain conditions and exception set out in UK data protection law, you have:

- The **right to request access** to a copy of your data, as well as to be informed of various information about how your data is being used;
- The **right to have any inaccuracies in your data corrected**, which may include the right to have any incomplete data completed;
- The **right to have your personal data erased** in certain circumstances;
- The **right to have the processing of your data suspended**, for example if you want us to establish the accuracy of the data we are processing.
- The **right to receive a copy of data you have provided to us**, and have that transmitted to another data controller (for example, another University or College).
- The **right to object to any direct marketing** (for example, email marketing or phone calls) by us, and to require us to stop such marketing.

- The **right to object to the processing of your information** if we are relying on a “legitimate interest” for the processing or where the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. The lawful basis for any particular processing activity we carry out is set out in our Record of Processing Activities, available on [our Data Protection webpage](#).
- The **right to object to any automated decision-making** about you which produces legal effects or otherwise significantly affects you.
- Where the lawful basis for processing your data is **consent**, you have the **right to withdraw your consent at any time**. This will not affect the validity of any lawful processing of your data up until the time when you withdrew your consent. You may withdraw your consent by contacting the Data Protection Officer.

If you wish to exercise any of your rights in relation to your data as processed by Regent’s Park College please contact our Data Protection Officer. Some of your rights are not automatic, and we reserve the right to discuss with you why we might not comply with a request from you to exercise them.

Further guidance on your rights is available from the Information Commissioner’s Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>). You have the right to complain to the UK’s supervisory office for data protection, the Information Commissioner’s Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> if you believe that your data has been processed unlawfully. Please see the Data Protection Complaints Procedure, available from [the Data Protection page of the College website](#).

Future changes to this privacy notice

We may need to update this notice from time to time, for example if the law or regulatory requirements change, if technology changes or to make Regent’s Park College’s or the University’s operations and procedures more efficient. If the change is material, we will give you not less than two months’ notice of the change so that you can exercise your rights, if appropriate, before the change comes into effect. We will notify you of the change by email or paper correspondence.

You can access past versions of our privacy notices [here](#).

Version control

Version	Changes made	By	Date
1.0	Initial privacy notice	GDPR Working Group	May 2018
1.1	Updated centre names and contact information	Data Protection Officer	October 2023
1.2	Updated centre names, contact information, UK GDPR wording, complaints procedure	Data Protection Officer	October 2025