
Pilot of the Renfrew Action Picture Test and LanguageScreen 2025

Privacy notice for parents and carers

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has commissioned the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to carry out a pilot which will trial the process for administering both the RAPT (Renfrew Action Picture Test) and LanguageScreen to children aged 3 to 4 in nursery settings. The pilot will also trial the processes for capturing and scoring children's responses to the RAPT. Findings from the pilot will inform recommendations on how to effectively scale up the use of LanguageScreen and RAPT in a larger trial involving more nursery settings and Test Administrators.

This document outlines how children's personal data will be collected and processed as part of the pilot. Your child's data will be treated with the strictest confidence and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

NFER is the data controller for this pilot and makes decisions about what personal data is used and how it is processed in accordance with the objectives of the pilot set by the EEF.

2 What is the lawful basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing personal data is:

GDPR Article 6 (1) (f) - Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for your (or a third party's) legitimate interests unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests. We have carried out a legitimate interest assessment, which demonstrates that the pilot fulfils one of NFER's core business purposes (undertaking research, evaluation, and information activities). It cannot be done without processing personal data, but processing does not override the data subject's interests. The research has wider societal benefits as it will contribute to improving the lives of learners by providing evidence about the impact of teaching techniques used in the classroom.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

Personal data will be obtained directly by recording children's responses to the administration of the LanguageScreen assessment on a tablet and the Renfrew Action Picture Test (RAPT), a paper-based assessment. Both will be done in person by one of NFER's test administrators.

Children's audio responses to the RAPT will be recorded for transcription and scoring purposes only. They **will be deleted** once transcription and scoring is complete.

4 What personal data is collected for this project?

The only personal data processed will be the voice of children selected to participate.

Note: we will use a unique id number to identify each child, but these will not be associated with the child's personal details.

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

No personal data will be shared as part of the pilot.

No individual will be named in any report produced for this pilot.

6 Is personal data being transferred outside of the UK?

No child's personal data is stored or transferred outside of the UK.

7 How long will personal data be retained?

NFER will delete recordings of RAPT assessments once they have been transcribed. All other data collected during the pilot (although not meeting the definition of personal data) will be deleted once the pilot report is complete.

8 What are my rights with respect to personal data?

NFER handles personal data in accordance with the rights given to individuals under data protection legislation. Under certain circumstances data subjects have the right:

- to request access to information that is held about them (a data subject access request).
- to have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing.
- to restrict processing of personal data (for example, permitting its storage but no further processing).
- to object to processing
- to data portability
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a

- legal or similarly significant effect.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This helps us ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

9 Who can I contact about this project?

Any queries about the day-to-day management of the data processing outlined in this privacy notice, please contact the Project Leader at NFER, Palak Roy, by email at NELIPreschool@nfer.ac.uk

If you have concerns about the way NFER processes personal data, please raise your concern by contacting the Compliance Officer: compliance@nfer.ac.uk.

If you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to lodge a complaint about data protection issues with the Information Commissioner's Office, the body responsible for enforcing data protection legislation in the UK, at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Further information on the main evaluation can be found [here](#).

10 Updates

We keep our privacy notice under regular review to make sure it is up to date and accurate; any changes will be recorded.

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