
White Rose Maths Reception Jigsaw trial (2025-26): White Rose Trainers privacy notice

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has commissioned the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to carry out an evaluation of the White Rose Maths (WRM) Reception Jigsaw programme, using a randomised controlled trial. The WRM Reception Jigsaw is a teacher training programme with a focus on early years maths. The programme's objective is to provide a thorough understanding of the pedagogy and subject knowledge required to support children's early mathematical development, and to strengthen Reception teachers' confidence in their teaching. The trial aims to ascertain the impact of the programme on Reception pupils' mathematical attainment and will take place over the course of the 2025-26 academic year.

This document outlines how personal data of WRM Reception Jigsaw trainers will be collected and processed for the purposes of the evaluation.

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has funded this research. For this evaluation, NFER is the data controller and White Rose Education (WRE) are the data processors. This means that NFER will determine the purposes of data processing and White Rose Education (WRE) will process this data on behalf of NFER.

White Rose Education will also process data to deliver the Reception Jigsaw programme. For this purpose, they are data controllers and are responsible for making decisions about how data is processed. Their privacy notice can be found here: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/privacy-policy>

None of the data collected will be used for any purpose other than those stated in this privacy notice.

2 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing personal data is covered by 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.

A legitimate interest assessment has been undertaken. The evaluation fulfils one of NFER's core business purposes (undertaking research, evaluation, and information activities). It has broader societal benefits and will contribute to improving the lives of learners by providing evidence about the impact of teaching techniques used in the classroom. Research cannot be done without processing personal data, but NFER will ensure your rights are respected at all times.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

NFER will initially obtain Reception Jigsaw trainers' personal data from WRE, then further data will be provided directly by the data subject.

4 What personal data is being collected by this project?

WRE will share the full name and contact details (email address and phone number) of each of the Reception Jigsaw trainers involved in the trial with NFER. This is to enable communication between NFER and the Reception Jigsaw trainers in relation to data collection activities.

In addition, a member of the NFER research team will observe a number of the training sessions offered by the Reception Jigsaw trainers to better understand the nature of the Continued Professional Development (CPD) programme being offered. Reception Jigsaw trainers will be notified in advance if NFER wishes to observe their sessions.

A member of the NFER research team will also invite Reception Jigsaw trainers to participate in a focus group about their perspectives on the WRM Reception Jigsaw programme and what they have observed among the schools they are supporting. The focus group will be run on several dates. Trainers taking part in a focus group need only do so once. Participation in this focus group is optional.

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

Personal data collected by WRE will be shared with NFER using NFER's secure online portal.

We will use Microsoft Teams to conduct, record and transcribe the focus groups. A privacy notice for Microsoft Teams can be found at <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoftteams/security-compliance-overview#privacy>

No other personal data will be shared with anyone beyond the project team at NFER and the project team at WRE.

No individual will be named in any report for this project.

6 Is personal data being transferred outside of the UK?

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

7 How long will personal data be retained?

NFER will delete any personal data collected as part of the evaluation within one year of publication of the final report (due to be published in May 2027). This deletion process is currently planned for May 2028.

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.

Although we value your participation in this evaluation and its contribution to important findings, you can withdraw from the evaluation activities at any time. If you withdraw, unless otherwise instructed, we will use any data we have collected up to that point in our analysis. Please note that withdrawing your data will not be possible once data analysis has commenced (from September 2026). If at any time you wish to withdraw from the evaluation activities, or withdraw your data or correct errors in it, please contact: jigsawRCT@nfer.ac.uk

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 team at jigsawRCT@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/>

10 Updates

We keep this privacy notice under review to make sure it is up to date and accurate. Any changes will be noted. We recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. The date when this privacy notice was last updated is shown in the footer at the bottom of this document.