
Evaluation of the Action Tutoring Programme Privacy Notice for Tutors

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has commissioned the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) and Behavioural Insights Team (BIT) to undertake an evaluation of the Action Tutoring programme. The programme aims to provide evidence-based tutoring in maths to young people in Years 7, 10 and 11 from disadvantaged backgrounds. The evaluation aims to explore the impact of the programme on young people's attainment in, and attitudes towards, maths. As part of the evaluation, BIT may test some strategies to enhance the impact of tutoring (known as a nimble trial).

The evaluation will take place between January 2025 and July 2026.

Action Tutoring and NFER are each independent data controllers for purposes of the data covered by this privacy notice. BIT will only use anonymised data to evaluate the effect of differences in the way tutoring is delivered. Action Tutoring's purpose is for the delivery of the programme. NFER's purpose is for the evaluation.

This is NFER's privacy notice for tutors whose personal data is required to support the evaluation of the tutoring programme. Please also refer to Action Tutoring's separate privacy notice for tutors which is available [here](#). This includes details of additional tutor data collected by Action Tutoring which is not required for the evaluation and therefore not shared with NFER.

2 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing personal data is covered by:

- Article 6 (f) Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for your legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party, 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. It demonstrates that it is within NFER's interests in undertaking this evaluation to collect and analyse data on the effectiveness of implementation and outcomes. 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 small group tutoring in maths for young people from

disadvantaged backgrounds. The research cannot be done without processing personal data, but processing does not override the data subject's interests.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

Personal data will be collected directly about tutors by Action Tutoring as part of the volunteer tutor application process and ongoing programme delivery and shared with NFER.

NFER will also collect tutor perceptions of the tutoring programme directly from the tutors.

Participation by tutors in all evaluation activities is entirely voluntary.

4 What personal data is being collected by this project?

The following personal data on tutors will be collected for this project:

- name and contact details (email and telephone number)
- relevant qualifications (e.g., A-Level qualifications, degree information)
- schools, year groups and pupils tutored
- attendance at training and tutoring sessions (e.g. date, delivery mode, timing, school name, pupils tutored where a tutor has attended a session)
- their perceptions of the implementation and impact of the programme.

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

For the purposes of the evaluation, Action Tutoring will share with NFER the data that it has collected on tutors who are undertaking tutoring. NFER will share anonymised data with BIT. Any data shared between Action Tutoring, NFER and BIT will be shared securely under a data sharing agreement. Data will not be shared with any other parties.

NFER and BIT will produce publishable reports for EEF. No individual tutors will be identifiable in NFER or BIT reports, unless permission has explicitly been given by the data subject. All of the findings from the evaluation will only be shared in anonymised form.

Tutor data will not be shared with EEF or archived.

The online tutor survey data is collected via Tivian, and it stores data in the European Union. The Privacy notice for Tivian can be found [here](#).

6 Is personal data being transferred outside the UK?

NFER only stores personal data in the UK. When we use Tivian to administer online surveys, data is stored in the EU. This transfer is protected by UK adequacy arrangements.

7 How long will personal data be retained?

NFER will delete any personal data within one year of publication of the final report, which is scheduled for summer 2027. At the latest, all personal data held by NFER will be deleted by summer 2028.

8 Can I stop my personal data being used?

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.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact the NFER's Compliance Officer at compliance@nfer.ac.uk.

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. Note that if you withdraw from data sharing for the purposes of the evaluation, it will not prevent you from continuing to volunteer on your chosen tutoring programme, and it will not impact on your or the school's participation in the tutoring programme or the evaluation. If at any time you wish to withdraw from the evaluation activities, or withdraw your data or correct errors in it, please contact Action Tutoring who will then inform NFER.

9 Who can I contact about this project?

NFER is responsible for the day-to-day management of the evaluation. Please contact the evaluation team at: ATEvaluation@nfer.ac.uk.

For details about the programme delivery, please contact Action Tutoring at: hello@actiontutoring.org.uk.

If you have a concern about the way this project processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance (see details above). If you remain dissatisfied, you can contact 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 this project, including information sheets and privacy notices can be found [here](#).

10 Updates

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