

# **PUBLICATION SCHEME**

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This policy is to be implemented by each Academy

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This publication scheme commits an authority to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by the authority. Additional assistance is provided to the definition of these classes in sector specific guidance manuals issued by the Information Commissioner.

The scheme commits an authority:

- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below;
- To specify the information which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below;
- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme;
- To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public;
- To review and update on a regular basis the information the authority makes available under this scheme;
- To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available;
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

#### 1. Classes of Information

#### Who we are and what we do

Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.

#### What we spend and how we spend it

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

#### What our priorities are and how we are doing

Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.

# How we make decisions

Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.

#### Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

#### **Lists and Registers**

Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the authority.

#### The Services we Offer

Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

The classes of information will not generally include:

- Information the disclosure of which is prevented by law, or exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, or is otherwise properly considered to be protected from disclosure;
- Information in draft form;
- Information that is no longer readily available as it is contained in files that have been placed in archive storage, or is difficult to access for similar reasons.

#### 2. The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available

- The authority will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.
- Where it is within the capability of a public authority, information will be provided on a website. Where it is impracticable to make information available on a website or when an individual does not wish to access the information by the website, a public authority will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.
- In exceptional circumstances, some information may be available only by viewing in person. Where this manner is specified, contact details will be provided. An appointment to view the information will be arranged within a reasonable timescale.
- Information will be provided in the language in which it is held or in such other language that is legally required. Where an authority is legally required to translate any information, it will do so.
- Obligations under disability and discrimination legislation and any other legislation to provide information in other forms and formats will be adhered to when providing information in accordance with this scheme.

#### 3. Charges which may be made for information published under this scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the authority for routinely published material will be justified and transparent and kept to a minimum.

Material which is published and accessed on a website will be provided free of charge.

Charges may be made for information subject to a charging regime specified by Parliament.

Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred such as:

- photocopying;
- postage and packaging;
- the costs directly incurred as a result of viewing information.

Charges may also be made for information provided under this scheme where they are legally authorised, they are in all the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

If a charge is to be made, confirmation of the payment due will be given before the information is provided. Payment may be requested prior to provision of the information.

# 4. Written Requests

Information held by a public authority that is not published under this scheme can be requested in writing, when its provision will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please contact the Clerk to the Board of Directors.

## 5. The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available

We will follow the table below, which identifies the information which meets the requirements of the Information Commissioner.

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

# Guide to information available under the publication scheme

Where hard copies are requested we reserve the right to make a charge as follows: 10p per hard-copy page. Plus cost of postage and a £10 per hour of labour charge for compiling information in a form not required for other statutory returns

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
Who we are and what we do	
(Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)	(hard copy and/ or website)
This will be current information only	
Academy Funding Agreement – a link to the document on the Department for Education's website	Website
Academy Order (if applicable)	Website
Staff and structure — names of key personnel	Website
Governing body – names and contact details of the governors and the basis of their appointment	Website
School session times, term dates and holidays	Individual academy websites
Location and contact information – address, telephone number and website	Website
Contact details for the Headteacher and the Governing Body	Individual academy websites
School Prospectus	Individual academy websites
KS2 results – a link to the data on the Department for Education's website	Individual academy websites
What we spend and how we spend it (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)	(hard copy and/ or website)
This should be a minimum of current and the previous two years financial years (accounts that have been filed with the	
Charity Commission and Companies House).	
Annual budget plan and financial statements	Website
Capital funding – details of capital funding allocated to the school along with information on related building projects and other capital projects	Website
Additional funding – Income generation schemes and other sources of funding.	Website
Procurement and contracts – details of procedures used for the acquisition of goods and services. Details of contracts that	Website

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
have gone through a formal tendering process.	
Staffing and grading structure	Hardcopy
Pay policy – a statement of the Academy's policy on procedures regarding teachers' pay.	Website
Governors' allowances – Details of allowances and expenses that can be claimed or incurred.	Website
What our priorities are and how we are doing	
(Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)	(hard copy and/ or website)
Current information should be published.	
School profile	Individual academy websites
Government supplied performance data	
OFSTED report – summary and full report	
Performance management information	Website
Academy's future plans – any major proposals on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	Individual academy websites
Child protection – policies and procedures on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	Website
How we make decisions	
(Decision making processes and records of decisions)	(hard copy and/ or website)
Current and previous three years as a minimum	
Admissions policy - arrangements and procedures and right of appeal – include information on application numbers and	Individual academy websites
number of successful applicants by each oversubscription criteria.	
Governing body meeting agendas, papers and minutes – information that is properly considered to be private should be	On request
excluded.	
Our policies and procedures	
(Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)	(hard copy and/ or website)
Current information only	
School policies including:	Website and on request
<ul> <li>Charging and remissions policy</li> </ul>	
Health and Safety and risk assessment	
Complaints procedure	

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
Staff conduct policy	
Discipline and grievance policies	
Pay policy	
Staffing structure implementation plan	
Information request handling policy	
Staff recruitment policies	
Pupil and curriculum policies, including:	Website and on request
Home-school agreement	
• Curriculum	
Sex education	
Special education needs	
• Accessibility	
Race equality	
Collective worship	
Careers education	
Pupil discipline	
Records management and personal data policies	Website and on request
Information security	
Records retention	
Destruction and archive policies	
Data Protection policies	
Equality and diversity	Website and on request
Policies, schemes, statements, procedures and guidelines relating to equal opportunities)	
<ul> <li>Policies and procedures for the recruitment of staff – details of vacancies should be included</li> </ul>	
Charging regimes and policies	Website and on request
This should include details of any statutory charging regimes. Charging policies should include details of charges made for	
nformation routinely published. They should clearly state what costs are to be recovered, the basis on which they are made	
and how they are calculated.	
Lists and Registers	
Currently maintained lists and registers only	(hard copy and/ or website; som

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
	information may only be available for inspection)
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Website
Disclosure logs	Hardcopy
Asset register	Hardcopy
Any information the Academy is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers	Hardcopy
The services we offer	
(Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and	(hard copy and/ or website; some
businesses)	information may only be
	available for inspection)
Current information only	
Extra-curricular activities	Individual academy websites
Out of school clubs	Individual academy websites
School publications	Individual academy websites
Services for which the Academy is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees	Individual academy websites
Leaflets, booklets and newsletters	Hardcopy and Website