

# Publication Scheme for Information (Freedom of Information Act 2000)

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**Statutory Policy** Yes

**Publication** Website. SharePoint/Policies

### Publication Scheme on information available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Board of Directors is responsible for maintenance of this scheme.

#### 1. Introduction: what a publication scheme is and why it has been developed

One of the aims of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (which is referred to as FOIA in the rest of this document) is that public authorities, including all maintained schools, should be clear and proactive about the information they will make public.

To do this we must produce a publication scheme, setting out:

- The classes of information which we publish or intend to publish;
- The manner in which the information will be published; and
- Whether the information is available free of charge or on payment.

The scheme covers information already published and information which is to be published in the future. All information in our publication scheme is either available for you on our website to download and print off or available in paper form.

Some information which we hold may not be made public, for example personal information.

This publication scheme conforms to the model scheme for schools approved by the Information Commissioner.

#### 2. Aims and Objectives

The **aims** of our school are that the Directors and staff work together:

- for every child to develop an understanding of excellence, a desire for knowledge, an enquiring mind and an enjoyment of learning
- · to develop all children as life-long learners
- to develop all children as responsible, caring members of the community
- to develop all children as motivated individuals who strive for the highest possible achievements
- to develop all children to have high self- esteem, who are respectful of themselves, others and the environment.

Together we are always reviewing and implementing our practices to improve:

- a broad, balanced and well taught curriculum
- · the effective teaching of basic skills
- the capacity of our staff to manage and develop children in a challenging context.
- · a safe, ordered and secure environment
- the overall performing arts and music provision throughout the school
- · partnerships with parents and the wider community
- · extended school services
- high expectations, excellent progress and high academic standards
   an ethos of mutual respect, care, support, encouragement and inclusion
- a recognition and celebration of everyone's achievements and success.

and this publication scheme is a means of showing how we are pursuing these aims.

#### 3. Categories of information published

The publication scheme guides you to information which we currently publish (or have recently published) or which we will publish in the future. This is split into categories of information known as 'classes'. These are contained in section 6 of this scheme.

The classes of information that we undertake to make available are organised into four broad topic areas:

School Prospectus – information published in the school prospectus (non-statutory from Sept 2012)

*Directors' Documents* – information published on the school website and in other Board documents.

Pupils & Curriculum – information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.

School Policies and other information related to the Trust/school - information about policies that relate to the Trust or school in general.

#### 4. How to request information

If you require a paper version of any of the documents within the scheme, please contact the school by telephone, email, fax or letter. Contact details are set out below.

Email: dpo@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk Tel: 01543 472 245 Contact Address: The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust, Crawley Lane, Kings Bromley, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 7JE

Or you can visit our website at www.tssmat.staffs.sch.uk

To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence "PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST" (in CAPITALS please)

If the information you're looking for isn't available via the scheme and isn't on our website, you can still contact the school to ask if we have it.

#### 5. Paying for information

Information published on our website is free, although you may incur costs from your Internet service provider. If you don't have Internet access, you can access our website using a local library or an Internet café.

Single copies of information covered by this publication are provided free unless stated otherwise in section 6. If your request means that we have to do a lot of photocopying or printing, or pay a large postage charge, or is for a priced item such as some printed publications or DVDs we will let you know the cost before fulfilling your request. Where there is a charge this will be indicated by a £ sign in the description box.

#### 6. Classes of Information Currently Published

**School Prospectus** – this section sets out information published in the school prospectus.

Class	Description
School Prospectus	The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows, (other items may be included in the prospectus at the school's discretion):
	<ul> <li>the name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school</li> <li>the names of the head teacher and chair of Directors</li> <li>information on the school policy on admissions</li> <li>a statement of the school's ethos and values</li> <li>details of any affiliations with a particular religion or religious denomination, the religious education provided, parents' right to withdraw their child from religious education and collective worship and the alternative provision for those pupils</li> <li>information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs</li> <li>National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stages.</li> </ul>

## Director's Documents and other information relating to the governing body– this section sets out information published on the school website and in other governing body documents.

Class	Description
Pupil	The allocation of funding to the school, its use and impact on attainment.
Premium	
Sport	The allocation of funding to the school, and its use
Premium	
Instrument	The name of the school
of	The category of the school
Government	The name of the governing body
	The manner in which the governing body is constituted
	The term of office of each category of Director if less than 4 years
	The name of any body entitled to appoint any category of Director
	Details of any trust
	<ul> <li>If the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos</li> </ul>
	The date the instrument takes effect
Minutes 1 of	Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees [current
meeting of	and last full academic school year]
the	
governing	
body and its	
committees	

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle 1}$  Some information might be confidential or otherwise exempt from the publication by law – we cannot therefore publish this

Curriculum, School Policies and other information related to the school - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to the school in general.

Class	Description
Published	Published report of the last inspection of the school and the summary of
reports of	the report and where appropriate inspection reports of religious education
Ofsted referring	in those schools designated as having a religious character
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school	
Post-Ofsted	A plan potting out the actions required following the last Ofsted inspection
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inspection	and where appropriate an action plan following inspection of religious
action plan	education where the school is designated as having a religious character
Charging and	A statement of the school's policy with respect to charges and remissions
Remissions	for any optional extra or board and lodging for which charges are
Policies	permitted, for example school publications, music tuition, trips
School session	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays
times and term	
dates	
Health and	Statement of general policy with respect to health and safety at work of
Safety Policy	employees (and others) and the organisation and arrangements for
and risk	carrying out the policy
assessment	
Complaints	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints
policy &	
procedure	
Performance	Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to the
Management of	performance management of staff and the annual report of the head
Staff	teacher on the effectiveness of appraisal procedures
Staff Conduct,	Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and discipline of school
Discipline and	staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance
Grievance	
Policy	Policies are available on the Trust website. If you cannot find the policy
Statements	you are looking for, please contact the Trust

#### 7. Feedback and Complaints

We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have about the scheme. If you want to make any comments about this publication scheme or if you require further assistance or wish to make a complaint then initially this should be addressed to, Mrs Heather Bowman, Chair of the Board of Directors.

If you are not satisfied with the assistance that you get or if we have not been able to resolve your complaint and you feel that a formal complaint needs to be made then this should be addressed to the Information Commissioner's Office. This is the organisation that ensures compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that deals with formal complaints. They can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: 01625 545 700 E

Mail: <u>publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk</u>.

Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk p