



Values Education' is about understanding what is important to us individually, within our families and as a whole school community.

Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme

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Where possible we offer translation or explanation of written communication. Please contact the school office if you require forms/paperwork in any other format.

Background

This generic model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner.

It may be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice.

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.

Classes of Information

1. Who we are and what we do

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

2. What we spend and how we spend it

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

3. What our priorities are and how we are doing

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

4. How we make decisions

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

5. Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

6. Lists and Registers

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

7. 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.

8. All staff employed at the School will be made aware of this publication scheme.

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.

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.

Guidance about fees and charges can be found at Appendix 2

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 from:

Silsoe V.C. Lower School
Chestnut Avenue
Silsoe
Beds
MK45 4GP

The Method By Which Information Published Under This Scheme Will Be Made Available

Guidance about information available from the School and how it can be obtained can be found at Appendix 1.

Appendix 1

Freedom of Information

Guide to information available from the School under the publication scheme

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only	Hard copy and/ or website
Academy Funding Agreement (if applicable) – a link to the document on the Department for Education’s website	Hard copy
Academy Order (if applicable)	Hard copy
School staff and structure – names of key personnel	Website
Governing Board – names and contact details of the governors and the basis of their appointment	Website
School session times, term dates and holidays	Website
Location and contact information – address, telephone number and website	Website
School Prospectus	Website

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
<p>What we spend and how we spend it</p> <p>Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit</p> <p>(This should be a minimum of current and the previous two financial years' accounts that have been filed with the Charity Commission and Companies House).</p>	Hard copy
Annual budget plan and financial statements	Hard copy
Capital funding – details of capital funding allocated to the school along with information on related building projects and other capital projects	Hard copy
Additional funding – Income generation schemes and other sources of funding.	Hard copy
Procurement and contracts – details of procedures used for the acquisition of goods and services. Details of contracts that have gone through a formal tendering process.	Hard copy
Staffing and grading structure	Hard copy
Pay policy – a statement of the School's policy on procedures regarding teachers' pay.	Hard copy
Governors' allowances – Details of allowances and expenses that can be claimed or incurred.	Hard copy

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
<p>What our priorities are and how we are doing</p> <p>Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews</p> <p>Current information should be published.</p>	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>
<p>School profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government supplied performance data • OFSTED report – summary and full report 	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p> <p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>
<p>Performance management information</p>	<p>Department for Education’s website http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/</p>
<p>School’s future plans – any major proposals on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.</p>	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>
<p>Child protection – policies and procedures on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.</p>	<p>Website</p>

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
<p>Our policies and procedures</p> <p>Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities</p> <p>Current information only</p>	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>
<p>School policies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging and remissions policy • Health and Safety and risk assessment • Complaints procedure • Staff conduct policy • Discipline and grievance policies • Pay policy • Information request handling policy • Staff recruitment policies 	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>
<p>Pupil and curriculum policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home-school agreement • Curriculum • Sex education • Special education needs • Accessibility • Race equality • Collective worship • Pupil discipline 	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>

<p>Records management and personal data policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information security • Records retention • Destruction and archive policies • Data Protection policies 	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>
<p>Equality and diversity</p> <p>Policies, schemes, statements, procedures and guidelines relating to equal opportunities</p> <p>Policies and procedures for the recruitment of staff – details of vacancies should be included</p>	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>
<p>Charging regimes and policies</p> <p>This should include details of any statutory charging regimes. Charging policies should include details of charges made for information routinely published. They should clearly state what costs are to be recovered, the basis on which they are made and how they are calculated.</p>	<p>Hard copy and/ or website</p>

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
Lists and Registers Currently maintained lists and registers only	Hard copy and/ or website; some information may only be available for inspection
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Hard copy
Disclosure logs	Hard copy
Asset register	Hard copy
Any information the School is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers	Hard copy and/ or website

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
<p>The services we offer</p> <p>Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses</p> <p>Current information only</p>	<p>Hard copy and/ or website; some information may only be available for inspection</p>
<p>Extra-curricular activities</p>	<p>Website</p>
<p>Out of school clubs</p>	<p>Website</p>
<p>School publications</p>	<p>Website</p>
<p>Services for which the School is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees</p>	<p>Website</p>
<p>Leaflets, booklets and newsletters</p>	<p>Website</p>

Appendix 2

Fees and Charges

The FOIA allows the school to charge for providing information. Fees will be calculated taking into account the following:

The Prescribed Costs:

These are any costs reasonably incurred by the school:

- in determining whether the school holds information of the description specified in the request
- in locating and retrieving the information and in meeting the applicant's preference for communicating the information
- the cost of associated staff time, but not including the cost of staff time incurred in determining whether the school is obliged to comply with the request for information

The Disbursements:

These are any costs directly and reasonably incurred by the school in:

- informing the applicant whether the school holds information of the description specified in the request
- communicating the information to the applicant

The enquirer will be sent a notice of any fees that may be payable. The FOI request will not be complied with until the fee has been paid.