

HITHERFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Freedom of Information Policy

Our Vision Statement

'Our vision is to create a school community where everyone feels valued, has the opportunity to explore and develop their strengths and is able to participate in new experiences. We aim to become an inspirational school to produce good citizens for the future in an atmosphere that promotes confidence, high academic achievement, physical health and emotional well being.'

Document Control

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Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme

This 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 Hitherfield Primary School & Children’s Centre “the 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
- **To publish any dataset held by the authority that has been requested, and any updated versions it holds, unless the authority is satisfied that it is not appropriate to do so; to publish the dataset, where reasonably practicable, in an electronic form that is capable of re-use; and, if any information in the dataset is a relevant copyright work and the public authority is the only owner, to make the information available for re-use under the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, if they apply, and otherwise under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act section 19. The term ‘dataset’ is defined in section 11 (5) of the Freedom of Information Act. The term ‘relevant copyright work’ is defined in section 19 (8) of that Act.**

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

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

Hitherfield Primary School & Children's Centre 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.

Charges may also be made for making datasets (or parts of datasets) that are relevant copyright works available for re-use. These charges will be in accordance with the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, where they apply, or with regulations made under section 11b of the Freedom of Information Act, or with other statutory powers of the public authority.

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.

Guide to information available from Hitherfield Primary School & Children's Centre under the model publication

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only The address, telephone number and email address of the school.	School School Website	Free or ISP Charges
Who's who in the school	School Website	Free
Who's who on the Governing Body, the basis of their appointment and details of how to contact them via the school.	School Website	Free
Instrument of Government	Hard copy from the main school office	Upon request
	School Website	Free
School prospectus and curriculum	Hard copy	Upon request
Staffing structure (not required above 'key personnel')	Hard copy or website	Upon request
School session times and term dates	Hard copy or website	Upon request
Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit) Current and previous financial year as a minimum	Hard Copy	Upon request
Annual budget plan and financial statements including details of items of expenditure over £5,000.		
Capitalised funding. Information on major plans for capital expenditure.		
Financial Audit Reports		

Additional funding		
Procurement and projects		
Pay policy		
Staff Pay and grading structures		
Staff allowances and expenses		
Governors' allowances		

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews) Current information as a minimum	Hard Copy	Upon request
School profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government supplied performance data • The latest Ofsted report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary ▪ Full report 	On website	Upon request
Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the Governing Body.	Hard Copy	Upon request
The School's future plans		
Safeguarding and child protection		

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions) Current and previous three years as a minimum	Hard Copy and/or on website	Upon request

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Admissions policy/decisions (not individual admission decisions)		
Agendas of meetings of the Governing Body and (if held) its sub-committees		Upon request
Minutes of meetings (as above) – nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings.		Upon request

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
<p>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only</p>	Upon request	Upon request
<p>School policies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging and remissions policy • Health and Safety • Complaints procedure • Staff conduct policy • Discipline and grievance policies • Staffing structure • Equality policy • Staff recruitment policies • Child Protection 	Hard Copy and/or on website	Upon request
<p>Pupil and curriculum policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSHCE Sex and Relationship Education • Inclusion • Accessibility • Behaviour • E Safety 	Hard Copy and/or on website	Upon request
Records management and personal data policies, including:	Hard Copy and/or on website	Upon request

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information security policies • Records retention destruction and archive policies • Data protection (including information sharing policies) 		
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Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 6 – Lists and Registers Currently maintained lists and registers only	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	Upon request
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments		Upon request
Disclosure logs		Upon request
Asset register		Upon request
Any information the school is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER)		Upon request

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	Upon request
Current information only Extra-curricular activities		

Out of school clubs		
School publications		
Services for which the school is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees		
Leaflets books and newsletters		
Additional Information		
This will provide schools with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above		