

Freedom of Information

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Hemingbrough CP School has adopted the model publication scheme for public authorities (which includes schools), prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. The model information scheme is as follows – for clarification any reference to ‘authority’ means the school:-

Model Publication Scheme

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.

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- 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

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

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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Any documents requested that are not available on the website can be provided in hard copy format. The cost for this will be 5p per A4 sheet used plus any admin costs incurred in collating and producing the information.

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
Class 1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only	
Who's who in the school	Website
Who's who on the governing body and the basis of their appointment	Website
Instrument of Government	Hard copy
Contact details for the Head teacher and for the governing body (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	Website
School prospectus	Website
Annual Report	Hard copy
Staffing structure	Website
School session times and term dates	Website

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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	
Annual budget plan and financial statements	Hard copy only
Capitalised funding	Hard copy only
Additional funding	Hard copy only
Procurement and projects	Hard copy only
Pay policy	Hard copy only
Staffing and grading structure	Hard copy only
Governors' allowances	Hard copy only

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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	
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 	Website
Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the governing body.	Hard copy only
Schools future plans	Website
Every Child Matters – policies and procedures	Website

Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions) Current and previous three years as a minimum	
Admissions policy/decisions (not individual admission decisions)	Hard copy only
Agendas of meetings of the governing body and (if held) its sub-committees	Hard copy only
Minutes of meetings (as above) – nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings.	Hard copy only

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Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only	
School policies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging and remissions policy • Health and Safety • Complaints procedure • Staff conduct policy • Discipline and grievance policies • Staffing structure implementation plan • Information request handling policy • Equality and diversity (including equal opportunities) policies • Staff recruitment policies 	Hard copy and /or website
Pupil and curriculum policies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home-school agreement • Curriculum • Sex education • Special educational needs • Accessibility • Race equality • Collective worship • Careers education • Pupil discipline 	Hard copy and /or website

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<p>Records management and personal data policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information security policies • Records retention destruction and archive policies • Data protection (including information sharing policies) 	<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 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>

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Class 6 – Lists and Registers	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)
Currently maintained lists and registers only	
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Hard copy only
Disclosure logs	Hard copy only
Asset register	Hard copy only
Any information the school is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER)	Hard copy only

Class 7 – The services we offer	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)
(Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)	
Current information only	
Extra-curricular activities	Website
Out of school clubs	Website
School publications	Website
Services for which the school is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees	Hard copy
Leaflets, books and newsletters	Hard copy and / or website

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