



P17c: Publication Scheme on information available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The governing body 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 school aims to:

- enable every child to fulfil their learning potential, with education that meets the needs of each child,
- help every child develop the skills, knowledge and personal qualities needed for life and work,

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 three broad topic areas:

- *School Prospectus* – information published in the school prospectus.
- *Pupils & Curriculum* – information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.
- *School Policies and other information related to the school* - information about policies that relate to the 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, or you can visit our website at www.commonweal.co.uk

Email: admin@commonweal.co.uk

Tel: (01793) 612727

Fax: (01793) 513437

Contact Address: The Commonweal School, The Mall, Swindon, SN1 4JE.

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

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 videos 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 **	<p>The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows, (other items may be included in the prospectus at the school's discretion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• information about the implementation of the governing body's policy on pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and any changes to the policy during the last year• a description of the arrangements for the admission of pupils with disabilities; details of steps to prevent disabled pupils being treated less favourably than other pupils; details of existing facilities to assist access to the school by pupils with disabilities; the accessibility plan covering future policies for increasing access by those with disabilities to the school

Other information relating to the governing body – this section sets out information published in governing body documents.

Class	Description
Instrument of Government (Articles of Association)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The name of the school• The category of the school• The name of the governing body• The manner in which the governing body is constituted• The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years• The name of any body entitled to appoint any category of governor• Details of any trust• If the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos• The date the instrument takes effect
Minutes ¹ of meeting of the governing body ** and its committees	Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees. Minutes for Full Governing Body will be published on the school website following their formal approval

** Information available on our website (www.commonweal.co.uk)

¹ Some information might be confidential or otherwise exempt from the publication by law – we cannot therefore publish this

Students & Curriculum Policies - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to students and the school curriculum.

Class	Description
The Commonweal Code / Home School agreement	Statement of the school's aims and values, the school's responsibilities, the parental responsibilities and the school's expectations of its pupils for example homework arrangements
Curriculum Policy	Statement on following the policy for the secular curriculum subjects and religious education and schemes of work and syllabuses currently used by the school
Sex and Relationships Education Policy	Statement of policy with regard to sex and relationship education
Special Education Needs Policy	Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs
Accessibility Plans	Plan for increasing participation of disabled pupils in the school's curriculum, improving the accessibility of the physical environment and improving delivery of information to disabled pupils.
Equality and Diversity Policy	Statement of policy for promoting race equality
Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy	Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school.
Behaviour for Learning	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline at the school.
Anti-Bullying	Statement of general principles of anti-bullying and of measures taken to prevent bullying.

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 reports of Ofsted referring expressly to the school **	Published report of the last inspection of the school
Charging and Remissions Policies	A statement of the school's policy with respect to charges and remissions for any optional extra or board and lodging for which charges are permitted, for example school publications, music tuition, trips
School session times and term dates	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays
Health and Safety Policy and risk assessment	Statement of general policy with respect to health and safety at work of employees (and others) and the organisation and arrangements for carrying out the policy
Complaints procedure	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints
Performance Management of Staff	Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to the performance management of staff and the annual report of the head teacher on the effectiveness of performance management procedures
Staff Conduct, Discipline and Grievance	Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and discipline of school staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance
Pay Policy	Statement of the school's policy regarding staff pay including procedures for determining staff grievances in relation to their pay.
Admissions policy **	Statement of the schools policy on admissions.
Annex A - Other documents	Annex A provides a list of other documents that are held by the school and are available on request

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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 The School Business Manager.

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

or

Enquiry/Information Line: 01625 545 700

E Mail: publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk

Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

8. Monitoring and Review

The Personnel Committee will monitor this policy on a three yearly basis and review in May 2021, or earlier if required by legislation.

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Annex A – Further documents held by the school

Class	Description
Gifted and Talented Policy	Statement for procedures to prevent more able / gifted students from being disadvantaged in school and to enable them to reach their potential.
School Development Plan	Annual plan identifying the school's priorities in terms of Teaching and Learning and maintenance targets.
Attendance Policy	Statement of procedures to maximise student attendance.
Assessment & Marking Policy	Statement of the school's policy for assessment and moderation of student work.
Homework Policy	Statement of the school's policy on homework.
PSHE & Citizenship Policy	Statement of the school's policy for PSHE and Citizenship.
Work Related Learning Education Policy	Statement of the school's objectives for Work Related Learning.
Examinations Policy & Appeals Policy **	Statement of the school's policy on examinations and the process for appeals.
Staff Conduct & Standards Policy	Statement of the school's policy for the expected conduct and standards to be maintained by its staff.

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