



## Freedom of Information Policy

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### 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 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 four broad topic areas:

*School Prospectus* – information published in the school prospectus.

*Governors' Documents* – information published in governing body documents.

*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 or letter. Contact details are set out below.

Email: [sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk)

Tel: **01454 866530**

Contact Address: **Greenhill, Alveston, South Gloucestershire, BS35 2QX**

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

## **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  |
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| <b>School Prospectus and website</b> | <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"><li>• the name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school</li><li>• the names of the Executive Head Teacher and Chair of Governors</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>• number of pupils on roll and rates of pupils' authorised and unauthorised absences</li><li>• National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stages, with national summary figures</li><li>• the arrangements for visits to the school by prospective parents</li></ul> |

**Governors' Annual Report and other information relating to the governing body** – this section sets out information published in the Governors' Annual Report and in other governing body documents.

| Class  | Description   |
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| Instrument of Government   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The name of the school</li><li>• The category of the school</li><li>• The name of the governing body</li><li>• The manner in which the governing body is constituted</li><li>• The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years</li><li>• The name of any body entitled to appoint any category of governor</li><li>• Details of any trust</li><li>• If the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos</li><li>• The date the instrument takes effect</li></ul> |
| Minutes <sup>1</sup> of meeting of the governing body and its committees | Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees [ <i>current and last full academic school year</i> ]   |

**Pupils & Curriculum Policies** - This section gives access to information about policies that relate

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

to pupils and the school curriculum.

| <b>Class</b>                                  | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 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                                      |
| Relationships and Sex Education Policy        | Statement of policy with regard to sex and relationship education  |
| Special Education Needs and Disability Policy | Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs   |
| Accessibility Plan                            | 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. |
| Equalities Policy                             | Statement of policy for promoting race equality  |
| Collective Worship                            | Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship   |
| Safeguarding Policy                           | Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school.  |
| Behaviour Policy                              | Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the Executive Head Teacher and Head of School 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  |
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| Published reports of Ofsted referring expressly to the school | Published report of the last inspection of the school and the summary of the report and where appropriate inspection reports of religious education in those schools designated as having a religious character              |
| School Development Plan                                       | A plan setting out the actions required following the last Ofsted inspection and where appropriate an action plan following inspection of religious education where the school is designated as having a religious character |
| Charging Policy   | 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                                      | 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 Policy   | Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints  |
| Appraisal and Capability Policy                               | Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to the performance management of staff and the annual report of the Executive Head Teacher on the effectiveness of appraisal procedures                       |
| Disciplinary Procedure for Staff in Locally Managed Schools   | Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and discipline of school staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance  |
| Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments                | Any statutory instruments, departmental circulars and administrative memoranda sent by the Department of Education and Skills to the Executive Head Teacher or governing body relating to the curriculum                     |
| Annex A - Other documents                                     | Annex A provides a list of other documents that are held by the school and are available on request  |

## 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 Executive Head Teacher', St Helen's CE Primary School, Greenhill, Alveston, BS35 2QX.***

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: 0303 123 1113**

**Website: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)**

The equalities impact in relation to this policy has been assessed.

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