

# Freedom of Information Act: Publication Scheme

Northgate Primary School



## **Introduction**

This model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. The school has adopted it without modification.

This publication scheme commits the school to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities.

The scheme commits the school:

- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by the school and falls within the classifications below.
- To specify the information which is held by the school 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 school that has been requested, and any updated versions it holds, unless the school 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 a specified licence. The term "dataset" is defined in section 11(5) of the Freedom of Information Act. The terms "relevant copyright work" and "specified licence" are defined in section 19(8) of that Act.

## **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**  
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 school will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

Where it is within the school's capability 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, the school 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.

Obligations under equality 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 school 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.

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 either regulations made under section 11B of the Freedom of Information Act or other enactments.

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 the school 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.

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

### GUIDE TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM NORTHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNDER THE MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

<b>Information to be published</b> This includes datasets where applicable	<b>How the information can be obtained</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Class 1 – Who we are and what we do</b> (organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only		
Who's who in the school	website	free
Who's who on the governing body and the basis of their appointment	website	free
Instrument of Government	hard copy	20p / sheet
Contact details for the Head Teacher and for the governing body, via the school	website	free
School prospectus	hard copy	£2
Annual report		
Staffing structure	website	free
School session times and term dates	website	free

Address of school and contact details, including email addresses	website	free
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<b>Information to be published</b> This includes datasets where applicable	<b>How the information can be obtained</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it</b> (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	£2
Capital funding	hard copy	£2
Financial audit reports	hard copy	£2
Details of expenditure items over £2,000 – published at least annually but at a more frequent quarterly or six monthly interval where practical	hard copy	£2
Procurement and contracts the school has entered into, or information relating to / a link to information held by an organisation which has done so on its behalf (for example, Local Authority or diocese)	hard copy	£2
Pay policy	hard copy	£2
Staff allowances and expenses that can be incurred or claimed, with totals paid to individual senior staff members (Senior Leadership Team or equivalent, whose basic actual salary is at least £60,000 per annum) by reference to categories	hard copy	£2

Staffing, pay and grading structure. As a minimum the pay information should include salaries for senior staff (Senior Leadership Team or equivalent as above) in bands of £10,000; for more junior posts, by salary range	hard copy	£2
Governors' allowances that can be incurred or claimed, and a record of total payments made to individual governors	hard copy	£2

<b>Information to be published</b> This includes datasets where applicable	<b>How the information can be obtained</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing</b> (strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews) Current information as a minimum		
School profile:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Performance data supplied to the English Government, or a direct link to the data	website	free
<input type="checkbox"/> The latest Ofsted report	website	free
<input type="checkbox"/> Post inspection action plan	hard copy	£2
Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the Governing Body	hard copy	£2

Performance data or a direct link to it	website	free
The school's future plans; for example, proposals for and any consultation on the future of the school, such as a change in status	hard copy	£2
Safeguarding and child protection	website	free

<b>Information to be published</b> This includes datasets where applicable	<b>How the information can be obtained</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Class 4 – How we make decisions</b> (decision making processes and records of decisions) Current and previous three years as a minimum		
Admissions policy / decisions (not individual admission decisions) – where applicable	website	free
Agendas and minutes of meetings of the Governing Body and its committees NB: this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings	hard copy	£2

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<p><b>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures</b> (current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only As a minimum these must include policies, procedures and documents that the school is required to have by statute or by its funding agreement or equivalent, or by the English government. These will include policies and procedures for handling information requests.</p>		

Records management and personal data policies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Information security policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records retention, destruction and archive policies</li> <li>• Data protection (including information sharing policies)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	website	free
Charging regimes and policies 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. If the school charges a fee for re-licencing the use of datasets, it should state in its guide how this is calculated.	website	free

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<b>Class 6 – Lists and Registers</b> Currently maintained lists and registers only (this does not include the attendance register)		
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	hard copy	£2
Disclosure logs	hard copy	£2

Asset register	hard copy	£2
Any information the school is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers	hard copy	£2

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<b>Class 7 – The services we offer</b> (information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses Current information only)		
Extra-curricular activities	website	free
Out of school clubs	website	free
Services for which the school is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees	hard copy	£2
School publications, leaflets, books and newsletters	website	free

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<b>Additional Information</b> This will provide schools with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised on the lists above		



## SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and should be published as part of the guide.

<b>Type of Charge</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Basis of Charge</b>
Disbursement cost	Photocopying / printing @ 10p per sheet (black and white)	Actual cost*
	Photocopying / printing @ 20p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost*
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
Statutory fee		In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)
Other		

\* the actual cost incurred by the public authority

