The Federation of St James the Great and St. John's Catholic Primary Schools'





# Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

This is The Federation of St James the Great and St John's Primary Schools' 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 available for you on our website to download and print off. 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 schools aim 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,

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'. The classes of information that we undertake to make available are organised into seven broad topic areas:

- Who we are and what we do
- What we spend and how we spend it
- What our priorities are and how we are doing
- How we make decisions
- Policies and procedures
- Lists and registers
- Services we offer

#### 4. How to request information

All requests for information must be received in writing (by letter or email) to ensure that we have a clear statement of what is required. Requests should state the enquirers name and correspondence address. Once a request has been received in writing you will have the statutory right to receive the information within twenty working days. Working days refers to term time only as contained in Statutory Instrument 3364. Contact details are set out below or you can visit the schools' websites at:

www.stjamesthegreat.southwark.sch.uk Email: office@stjamesthegreat.southwark.sch.uk Address: St James the Great Catholic Primary School Peckham Road Peckham London SE15 5LP

www.stjohnsrotherhithe.co.uk Email : office@st-john.southwark.sch.uk Address: St John's Catholic Primary School St Elmo's Road Rotherhithe London SE16 6SD

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 write to the school to ask if we have it.

If the information requested is already held by another body, we are within our rights to refuse the request, but will direct the enquirer to the appropriate source.

In some instances we may withhold the information you have requested under one of the exemptions applicable under the legislation.

## 5. Paying for information

Most of information covered by this publication is provided free of charge via our website unless stated otherwise in section 6. If you don't have Internet access, you can access our website using a local library or an internet café. We may charge a fee for photocopying / printing / faxing / postage of longer documents where the information is not listed in our publication scheme as being available either free of charge or at a standard charge. If you ask for information in an expensive alternative format, we may charge for this, subject to legislation, such as the Equality Act. If we intend to charge we will let tell you in advance what the charge will be (through a fees notice) and will provide the information when we receive payment. The time allowed for us to provide the information does not include the period between issuing the fees notice and the receipt of the payment.

6. Guide to information available from The Federation of St James the Great and St John's Catholic Primary Schools under the ICO model publication scheme.

| Information to be published                                                                                     | How the information can be obtained | Cost      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Class 1 - Who we are and what we do 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      |
|                                                                                                                 | Hard Copy                           | 10p/sheet |
| Instrument of Government                                                                                        | Contact the School                  |           |
| Contact details for the Head teacher and for the governing body, via the school (named contacts where possible) | Website                             | Free      |
| School prospectus                                                                                               | Website                             | Free      |
| Governor Reports                                                                                                |                                     |           |
|                                                                                                                 | Hard Copy                           | 10p/sheet |
|                                                                                                                 | Contact the School                  |           |
| Staffing structure                                                                                              | Website                             | Free      |
| School session times and term dates                                                                             | Website                             | Free      |
| Address of School and contact details, including email                                                          | Website                             | Free      |
| Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it Current                                                             |                                     |           |
| financial year as a minimum                                                                                     |                                     |           |
| Articles of Association                                                                                         | Hard Copy<br>Contact the School     | 10p/sheet |

| Financial statements                                                                                                                                          | Hard copy                       |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                                                               | Contact School Office           | 10p/sheet |
| Capital funding                                                                                                                                               | Hardcopy                        | 10p/sheet |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Contact School Office           |           |
| Funding Agreements                                                                                                                                            | Hard copy                       | 10p/sheet |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Contact School Office           |           |
| Financial audit reports                                                                                                                                       | Hardcopy                        | N/A       |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Inspection only. Contact School |           |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Office                          |           |
| Pay policy                                                                                                                                                    | Hard copy                       |           |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Contact School Office           | 10p/sheet |
| Staffing structure.                                                                                                                                           | Hardcopy                        |           |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Contact School Office           | 10p/sheet |
| Governors' allowances that can be incurred or claimed, and a record of total payments                                                                         | Hardcopy                        | 10p/sheet |
| made to individual governors                                                                                                                                  | Contact School Office           |           |
| Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing Current                                                                                                |                                 |           |
| information as a minimum                                                                                                                                      |                                 |           |
| School profile                                                                                                                                                | Website                         | Free      |
| <ul> <li>Performance data supplied to the English Government or a direct link to the data</li> <li>The latest Ofsted report – link to full report.</li> </ul> |                                 |           |
| Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the governing body.                                                                                   | Hardcopy                        | 10p/sheet |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Contact School Office           |           |
| School Development Plan                                                                                                                                       | Hardcopy                        | 10p/sheet |
|                                                                                                                                                               | Contact School Office           |           |
| Schools future plans; for example, proposals for and any consultation on the future of the                                                                    | Website                         | Free      |
| school                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |           |
| Safeguarding and Child Protection Polices                                                                                                                     | Website                         | Free      |

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| Admissions policy                                                                                | Website Current                  | Free      |
|                                                                                                  | Hard Copy for past copies        | 10p/sheet |
| Agendas and minutes of meetings of the governing body and (if held) its committees (NB this will | Available for inspection Contact | Free      |
| exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings)                        | School Office                    |           |
| Class 5 – Our policies and procedures Current                                                    |                                  |           |
| information only                                                                                 |                                  |           |
| School policies including:                                                                       |                                  |           |
| 1. Charging and remissions policy                                                                | Website                          | Free      |
| 2. Health and Safety                                                                             |                                  |           |
| 3. Complaints procedure                                                                          | Hard Copy                        | 10p/sheet |
| <ol> <li>Information request handling policy</li> <li>Single Equality Plan</li> </ol>            | Contact School Office            |           |
| 6. eSafety Policy                                                                                |                                  |           |
| Pupil and curriculum policies, including:                                                        | Website                          | Free      |
| Home-school agreement                                                                            |                                  |           |
| Curriculum                                                                                       |                                  |           |
| Special Educational Needs and Disabilities                                                       |                                  |           |
| Behaviour                                                                                        |                                  |           |
| Attendance                                                                                       |                                  |           |
| Sex Education Policy                                                                             |                                  |           |
| Class 6 – Lists and Registers                                                                    |                                  |           |
| Currently maintained lists and registers only                                                    |                                  |           |
| Disclosure log                                                                                   | Inspection Only                  | Free      |
| Asset register                                                                                   | Inspection Only                  | Free      |
| Any information the school is currently legally required to hold in publicly available           | Inspection Only                  | Free      |
| registers (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER)                                        |                                  |           |

| Website Website Music Tuition, Extended School                                                                 | Free<br>Free                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Website                                                                                                        |                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                | Free                                                                                   |
| Music Tuition Extended School                                                                                  |                                                                                        |
| Offer, After-school Activities.<br>Apply to School Business<br>Manager/Office Manager via the<br>School Office |                                                                                        |
| Website                                                                                                        | Free                                                                                   |
| Website                                                                                                        | Free                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                | Apply to School Business<br>Manager/Office Manager via the<br>School Office<br>Website |

The general charge for photocopying, printing and faxing or emailing information as an attachment is 10p per sheet (black & white). Postage charges will be at the appropriate rate. For more substantial items, the fee charged depends on whether we estimate that it would cost more or less than £450 to provide the information.

In most cases the cost will be under £450 and we will then charge only for photocopying, printing, faxing and postage. We may also charge for any work required to put the information into the required format, which could involve, for example:

- Summarising the information
- Putting the information onto other media
- Translating the information into a different language.

We will not normally charge for providing information in an alternative format where this is requested on grounds of disability.

## 7. Key personnel

Any member of staff of the Federation can accept a request for information as long as it fulfils the criteria set out in Section 4. The request for information must be forwarded to the Executive Headteacher as soon as possible. The Governing Body is responsible for ensuring a policy is in place and its effectiveness is monitored. The School Business Manager/School Office Manager is responsible for recording the requests for information, the action taken and the responses made. The Executive Headteacher has day to day responsibility for deciding whether a request is in line with the Freedom of information Act and will delegate the collation of information appropriately.

#### 8. 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 Headteacher (Ms Janice Babb)

If the complaint cannot be resolved by the Exectuive Headteacher, it can be referred to the Chair of Governors. Correspondence should be sent to the school.

Following this, if the complaint remains unresolved 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 <u>Mail: publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk</u> Website: <u>www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk</u>

Signed:....

Date: .....