




Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

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1. INTRODUCTION

- a. 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.
- b. To do this we must produce a publication scheme, setting out:
 - i. *The classes of information which we publish or intend to publish;*
 - ii. *The manner in which the information will be published; and*
 - iii. *Whether the information is available free of charge or on payment.*
- c. 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.
- d. Some information which we hold may not be made public, for example personal information.
- e. This publication scheme conforms to the model scheme for schools approved by the Information Commissioner.
- f. The school's management and governing body aims to respond to requests within 20 working days.
- g. The headteacher has the day to day responsibility for implementing this policy. If there is any doubt about whether information should be released then the headteacher and chair of the governors should be

consulted who may need to seek advice from the Local Authority. If an exemption is to be applied then this and the reasons why should be made clear in the response to the enquirer.

2. THE LAW

a. Wilfully concealing, damaging or destroying information in order to avoid answering a query is a criminal offence. As legislation is often amended and Regulations introduced, the references made in this Guide may be to legislation that has been superseded. For an up to date list of legislation applying to schools, please refer to the GovernorNet website www.governor.net.co.uk.

i. Freedom of Information Act 2000: Section 19

3. CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION PUBLISHED

a. 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 5 of this scheme.

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

i. *School Prospectus* - information published in the school prospectus.

ii. *Governors' Documents* - information published in governing body documents.

iii. *Pupils & Curriculum* - information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.

iv. *School Policies* - information about policies that relate to the school in general.

4. HOW TO REQUEST INFORMATION

a. To be valid any requests for information must be in writing (including fax and e-mail) and has the name and correspondence address of the enquirer and has details of the information required. You can request a copy of the information you want from the contact detailed below, or visit our website at www.barncroftprimary.co.uk

b. If the information you're looking for isn't available via the scheme and isn't on our website, you can still ask if we have it. You can contact the school by telephone, email or letter.

c. Email: via the 'Contact Us' page on the school website

d. Tel: 023 9248 2331

e. Contact Address

**School Business Manager,
Barncroft Primary School,
Park Lane,
Havant,
Hampshire PO9 3HN**

- f. To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence "**PUBLICATIONS SCHEME REQUEST**" (in **bold CAPITALS**).

5. PAYING FOR INFORMATION

- a. For single copies of information covered by this publication there is a £15.00 administration charge. 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 any additional cost before fulfilling your request.
- b. 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 or an Internet café.

6. CLASSES OF INFORMATION CURRENTLY PUBLISHED

- a. **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 at the school's discretion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school.• the names of the headteacher and chair of governors.• information about admissions.• a statement of the school's ethos and values.• 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.• information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs.• number of pupils on roll and rates of pupils' authorised and unauthorised absences.• National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stages, with national summary figures.

- b. **Information relating to the governing body** - this section sets out information published in Governing Body documents.

Class	Description
Instrument of Government	<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 name of any person entitled to appoint any category of governor. • Details of any trust. • If the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos of the school. • The date the instrument takes effect.
Minutes [1] of meeting of the Governing Body and its committees	Minutes from governors board and committee meetings

- c. **Pupils & Curriculum Policies** - this section gives access to information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.

Class	Description
Home - school agreement	Written 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.
Sex Education Policy	Written statement of policy with regard to sex education.
Collective Worship	Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship.
Pupil Discipline	Written statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline including any anti bullying policy as appropriate.

- d. **School Policies** - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to the school in general. All published policies are available on the school website.

Class	Description
Reports of School Inspections	Report of an inspection of the school and the summary of the report.
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 of which charges are permitted, for example music tuition, trips.
School session times	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays.
Special	Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with

Education Needs	special educational needs.
Single Equality Scheme	
Health and Safety Policy	Written 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.
Child Protection Policy	Statement of general principles on Child Protection arrangements <i>(from March 2004)</i> .
Complaints Procedure	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints.
Staff Appraisal	Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to staff appraisal.
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.

7. FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

- a. 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 need to make a complaint then initially this should be addressed to;

**School Business Manager,
Barncroft Primary School,
Park Lane,
Havant,
Hampshire PO9 3HN**

- b. 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 545 745 /08456 306060

Mon to Friday 9am to 5pm.

E-mail: Using the contact form held on the Information Commissioner's Office website www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact_us.aspx

[\[1\]](#) Some information might be confidential or otherwise exempt from the publication by law - we cannot therefore publish this.