



Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

BEDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. What is a publication scheme?

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOI) requires all Public Authorities (including schools) to produce a register of the types of information it will routinely make available to the public. This publication scheme follows a template approved by the Information Commissioner.

The scheme commits us to:

- Proactively/ routinely publish information which is held by us falling within the "Classes" below (see section 2) in line with this scheme.
- Specify the information
- Explain how it will be made available
- Review and update information on a regular basis
- Explain any fees to be charged for the information
- Make this scheme publicly available
- Publish information held by the school that has been requested (unless not appropriate to do so)
- Publish information in a digital form that is capable of being re-used (under FOI Section 19 and the [Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations](#) (2015))
- Make clear if any information is a relevant copyright work (under FOI Section 19(8)) and the school is the only owner

2. Classes of Information

There are 7 classes of information we hold:

1. Who we are and what we do
2. What we spend and how we spend it
3. What our priorities are and how we are doing
4. How we make decisions
5. Our policies and procedures
6. Lists and registers
7. The services we offer

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.

3. Making Information Available

Information will be provided on the school website at www.bedwell.herts.sch.uk. Where it is impracticable to make information available on our 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.

Information will be provided in the language in which it is held or in such other language that is legally required. Where an authority is legally required to translate any information, it will do so.

Obligations under disability and discrimination 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.

4. Charging

Charges which may be made for information published under this scheme.

The purpose of this scheme is to make the greatest 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 law.

Charges may be made to cover our costs 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 circumstances (including the general principles of the right of access to information held) justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to you.

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 the terms of

the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations (2015), where they apply, or with regulations made under FOI Section 11B, or with other statutory powers of the school.

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.

5. 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.

6. The Scheme

<u>Class 1 – Who we are and what we do</u> For example: Organisational information, staffing structures, locations and contacts. This will be current information only.		
Information to be published	How to get a copy	Cost
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	Website	Free
Contact details for the Headteacher and for the governing body (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address)	Website	Free
School prospectus	Website	Free
Staffing structure	Website	Free
School session times and term dates	Website	Free

Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it

For example: Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit. Current and previous financial year as a minimum

Information to be published	How to get a copy	Cost
Annual budget plan and financial statements	Hard copy	1.35p per page (b&w) 5.30p per page (colour)
Capitalised funding	Hard copy	1.35p per page (b&w) 5.30p per page (colour)
Additional funding	Hard copy	1.35p per page (b&w) 5.30p per page (colour)
Pay policy	Website	Free
Governors' allowances	Website	Free

Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing

For example: Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews). Current information as a minimum

Information to be published	How to get a copy	Cost
Government supplied performance data The latest Ofsted report	Website	Free
Performance Management Policy and Procedures, as adopted by the governing body.	Website	Free
School Improvement Plan	Hard copy	1.35p per page (b&w) 5.30p per page (colour)

Class 4 - How we make decisions

For example: Decision making processes and records of decisions. Current and previous three years as a minimum

Information to be published	How to get a copy	Cost
Admissions Policy / decisions (not individual admission decisions)	Website	Free
Agendas of meetings of the governing body and sub-committees	Hard copy	1.35p per page (b&w) 5.30p per page (colour)
Minutes of meetings (as above) - this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings.	Hard copy	1.35p per page (b&w) 5.30p per page (colour)

Class 5 - Our policies and procedures

For example: Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities. Current information only.

Information to be published	How to get a copy	Cost
<i>School policies including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Capability Procedure- Charging and remissions policy- Child Protection Policy- Complaints Policy- Data Protection, Retention and Security Policies- Early Career Teachers- Equalities Information and Objectives- Health and Attendance of Staff- Health and Safety- Staff Appraisal- Staff Disciplinary and Grievance Policies- Whistleblowing Policy	Website	Free

<p><i>Pupil and curriculum policies, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance Policy - Behaviour Policy - Children Looked After Policy - Offsite Visits - Online Safety Policy - Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE) Policy - SEND Report - Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy 	Website	Free
<p><i>Records management and personal data policies, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biometric Data Policy - Data Protection, Retention and Security Policies - Privacy Notice 	Website	Free

Class 6 - Lists and Registers

For example: Currently maintained lists and registers only

Information to be published	How to get a copy	Cost
Asset register/Inventory	Hard copy	1.35p per page (b&w) 5.30p per page (colour)

Class 7 - The services we offer

For example: Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses. Current information only

Information to be published	How to get a copy	Cost
Details of extra-curricular activities, clubs and trips	Website	Free
Newsletters and Curriculum Maps	Website	Free

7. Schedule of Charges

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

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
"Disbursement" cost	Photocopying/printing @ 1.35p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost @ 1.35p per sheet (black & white)
Photocopying/printing @ 5.30p per sheet (colour)		Actual cost @ 5.30p per sheet (colour)
Postage		Actual cost* of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class

* The actual cost incurred by the school