



The Spinney Primary School Freedom of Information Policy

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 **either available for you on our website or** 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:

- 1) To provide an education which places importance on the development of the whole child, intellectually, physically, emotionally and socially.
- 2) To provide an environment where each child is encouraged to develop to the limit of their ability. Where each person is valued and is made aware that they have a valuable contribution to make to the school. To help the child build a good self image.
- 3) To provide a broad-based curriculum, including delivery of the National Curriculum.
- 4) To encourage the partnership between home and school. To encourage parents to take an active part in their child's education.
- 5) To provide equal opportunities in work and play, and treat them all fairly.
- 6) To recognise the multi-racial character of our own society and to encourage respect and tolerance of other people's religion and customs. To provide positive images from other cultures.
- 7) To liaise with other providers of education, particularly with Netherhall School, our named secondary school.

- 8) To enable the children to develop aesthetic and creative awareness.
- 9) To use modern technology where appropriate, so children become familiar with useful tools for their learning in school, and their work in later life.
- 10) To develop links with the community, 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 the Governors Annual Report and in other 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, fax or letter. Contact details are set out below or visit our website at www.spinney.cambs.sch.uk

Email: office@Spinney.cambs.sch.uk

Tel/Fax: 01223 568836

Contact Address: The Spinney Primary, Hayster Drive, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 9PB.

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 contact the school to ask if we have it.

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 or an Internet café.

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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| School Prospectus | <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"> • the name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school • the names of the head teacher and chair of governors • information on the school policy on 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 • the arrangements for visits to the school by prospective parents |

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 |
|--------------------------|--|
| Governors’ Annual Report | <p>The statutory contents of the governors’ annual report to parents are as follows, (other items may be included in the annual report at the school’s discretion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the governing body membership, including name and address of chair and clerk • a statement on progress in implementing the action plan drawn up following an inspection • a financial statement, including gifts made to the school and amounts paid to governors for expenses • a description of the school’s arrangements for security of pupils staff and the premises • information about the implementation of the governing body’s policy on pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and any changes to the policy during the last year • a description of the arrangements for the admission of pupils with disabilities; details of steps to prevent disabled pupils being treated less favourably than other pupils; details of existing facilities to assist access to the school by pupils with disabilities; the accessibility plan covering future policies for increasing access by those with disabilities to the school • a statement of policy on whole staff development identifying how teachers’ professional development impacts on teaching and learning • number of pupils on roll and rates of pupils’ authorised and unauthorised absence • National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stages, with national summary figures • a statement of the extent to which proposals in the post- inspection action plan have been carried into effect |
| Instrument of Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the school • The category of the school |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the governing body • The manner in which the governing body is constituted • The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years • The name of any body entitled to appoint any category of governor • Details of any trust • The date the instrument takes effect |
| Minutes ¹ of meeting of the governing body and its committees | Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees (current and last full academic school year). |

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

| Class | Description |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 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 |
| Sex Education Policy | Statement of policy with regard to sex and relationship education |
| Special Education Needs Policy | Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs |
| Accessibility Plans | 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. |
| Race Equality Policy | Statement of policy for promoting race equality |
| Collective Worship | Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship |
| Child Protection Policy | Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school. |
| Pupil Behaviour and Discipline | Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the head teacher to prevent bullying. |

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

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. |
| Post-Ofsted inspection action plan | A plan setting out the actions required following the last Ofsted inspection. |
| 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 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 and risk assessment | 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 procedure | Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints |
| Performance Management of Staff | Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to the performance management of staff and the annual report of the head teacher on the effectiveness of appraisal procedures |
| 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 |
| Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments | Any statutory instruments, departmental circulars and administrative memoranda sent by the Department of Education and Skills to the head teacher or governing body relating to the curriculum |

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 Mrs R Snape / Mrs Maureen Child

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 545 700

E Mail: publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk.

Website : www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk



**Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
Annex A – Further documents held by the school**

| Name of Document | Description |
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| Pupil Records | Held centrally in the school office with details of date of birth, address, contact details, medical requirements, doctor etc |
| Attendance | Attendance records are kept and monitored |
| Curriculum Maps | Describes the Termly learning opportunities available to each class |
| Parent Consultation Records | Completed with parents at Parent/Teacher meetings and reviewed Termly |
| Teacher Assessments | Reading/Writing/Maths and Foundation subjects - ongoing to assess pupil progress |
| Y2 and Y6 SATS/Optional SATS | Test results and teacher assessments |
| End of Year Reports | Records the progress that pupils have made over the course of the year |
| Behaviour Book/Red Book | Any serious behaviour issue is documented and recorded |
| Friends of The Spinney | Agenda and Minutes |
| The Governing Body | Agenda and Minutes of all meetings including committee meetings |
| Pupil Files | Files are held with copies of all reports |
| Individual education Plans | Some children have IEPs which are shared with parents |
| Gifted and Talented Register | A list of pupils held by the school |

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