

Park Community School

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

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This is Park Community School's 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 either available for you on our website to download and print off 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

Park Community School aims to prepare its young people for life and to equip them for citizenship.

The successful realisation of these overall aims will be through:

Improving the quality of teaching and learning which is fundamental to improving motivation, raising levels of achievement and generating a desire to learn for each individual.

- (a) The school aims to provide equal opportunities for all to develop their individuality and realise their potential through:

The delivery of the National Curriculum Programmes of Study, the setting of targets and the process of Assessment Recording and Reporting.

- (b) The school aims to enable students to acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to their present and future needs by:

Recognising that each student is a complex individual with a wide range of different skills, abilities and interests and the need to develop the whole individual.

- (c) The school aims to foster qualities of creativity, imagination, independence, spirituality and aesthetic appreciation by:

Recognising that for any individual to thrive and to show initiative they must feel secure and valued.

- (d) The school aims to provide a happy, secure and caring environment in which everyone can develop confidence, self-respect and self-esteem by:

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Recognising that society as a whole has an important contribution to make in realising these aims.

- (e) The school aims to enhance the educational and social development of student through partnership with parents and the wider community and:

Recognising that we live in an environment that supports a multicultural society containing a wide range of social and economic difference.

- (f) The school aims to foster understanding, appreciation and care for others and the world in which we live 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 Address:

Park Community School

Middle Park Way

Leigh Park

Havant

PO9 4BU

Telephone: 023 92 489800

Fax: 023 92 481012

Email: info@pcs.hants.sch.uk

website: www.pcs.hants.sch.uk

To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence "PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST" (in CAPITALS please)

If the information you are looking for is not available via the scheme and is not on our website, you can still contact the school to ask if we have it.

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5. Paying for information

Information published on our website is free, although you may incur costs from your Internet service provider. If you do not 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

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| School Prospectus | | this section sets out information published in the school prospectus. Class Description - School Prospectus The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows, (other items may be included in the prospectus at the school's discretion 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 CSE/GNVQ results in the school, locally and nationally a summary of GCE results in the school and nationally the number of pupils studying for and percentage achieving other vocational qualifications. The destinations of school leavers [1] the arrangements for visits to the school by prospective parent the number of places for pupils of normal age of entry in the preceding school year and the number of written applications / preferences expressed for those places. |
| Instrument of Government | £ | 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 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 |

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| | | <p>Details of any trust</p> <p>If the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos</p> <p>The date the instrument takes effect</p> |
| Minutes [2] 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 |
| Home-School agreement | | Class Description - 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 |
| 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 |
| Careers Education Policy | £ | Statement of the programmes of careers education provided for Key 4. |
| Child Protection Policy | £ | Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school. (from March 2004) |
| Pupil Discipline | £ | Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the head teacher to prevent bullying. |
| School Policies and other information related to the school | | <p>This section gives access to information about policies that relate to the school in general.</p> <p>Class Description</p> <p>Published reports of Ofsted referring expressly to the School. Published report of the last inspection of the school and the summary of the report and where appropriate inspection reports of religious education in those schools designated as having a religious character</p> |
| Post-Ofsted inspection action plan | £ | A plan setting out the actions required following the last Ofsted inspection and where appropriate an action plan following inspection of religious education where |

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| | | the school is designated as having a religious character |
| 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 |
| Annex A - Other documents Annex A provides a list of other documents that are held by the school and are available on request | | |

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 Headteacher, Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant, Hants PO9 4BU. If you are not satisfied with the assistance that you get or if we have not been able to resolve your complaint and you 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 Website : www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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