

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.

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 aims of The Robinswood Academy Trust are:

- We encourage the highest possible standards of achievement
- We develop the full potential of every child and celebrate their achievements
- We encourage a positive attitude to learning in a safe, happy and caring environment.
- We continually work to promote high levels of self-esteem in all children believing that this is the basis of good citizenship
- We work alongside the children to develop appropriate and acceptable behaviour and good social skills
- We value and encourage the contribution of all staff, governors and parents/carers and we strive to promote links with the local community

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.

- Pupils and 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 can be found by visiting our websites at

<http://www.robinswoodtrust.co.uk/>

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.

6. Classes of Information Currently Published

School Prospectus – this section sets out information published in the 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):

- 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
- 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
- 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

Instrument of Government

- The name of the school
- The category of the school – Academy
- The manner in which the MAT and governing body is constituted
- The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years
- The name of anybody entitled to appoint any category of governor
- Details of the trust
- The date the instrument takes effect

Minutes 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]

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

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

Home – School Contract

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 and approach to Teaching

Statement on following the policy for the secular curriculum subjects and religious education and any schemes of work 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 (Safeguarding)

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 - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to the school in general.

Published reports of Ofsted referring expressly to the schools

A statement of the governing body's evaluation of the school's performance.

Charging and Remissions Policies

School session times and term dates

Health and Safety Policy and risk assessment

Complaints procedure

Appraisal / Performance Management of Staff

Staff Conduct, Discipline and Grievance

Pay Policy

Staffing Structure Implementation Plan

Admissions Policy

Other documents as appropriate

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 Clerk to the Governors.

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

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