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## Publication Scheme

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### **This is BENSON 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 Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) would expect schools to make the information in this document available unless:

- we do not hold the information;
- the information is exempt under one of the FOI exemptions or Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) exceptions, or its release is prohibited under another statute;
- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,
- it would be impractical or resource-intensive to prepare the material for routine release.

The scheme covers information already published and information which is to be



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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 latest model scheme for schools approved by the Information Commissioner.

We endeavour to make as much information as possible available online. The classes, below, provide links to information which is available. If any of the information is not available online, the scheme will explain how it can be accessed. We will continue to develop this scheme to increase the amount of information that can be accessed through it.

The school does not charge for information which is accessed on our website. However, we may pass on costs for reproducing information or providing it in alternative formats, and we do charge for some specialist information services. Details of these costs are listed in the Schedule of Charges, see section 4.

## **2. 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 you can visit our website at [www.bensonschool.co.uk](http://www.bensonschool.co.uk)

Email: [enquiry@benson.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@benson.bham.sch.uk)

Tel: 0121 554 4913

Contact Address: **Benson Road, Hockley, Birmingham, B18 5TD**

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.



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### 3. 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 4. 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, 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.

### 4. Classes of Information Currently Published

(POA indicates 'price on application', due to the potential complexity of some requests)

<b><u>Information to be published</u></b>	<b><u>How the information can be obtained</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
<b>Class 1 - Who we are and what we do</b> (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only	Hardcopy – School Office	Free
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Instrument of Government</b></li> </ul> The Instrument of Government is the document which records the name and category of the school and the name and constitution of its governing board.	Hardcopy – School Office	Free
The statutory contents of the school prospectus, as follows: - information about the implementation of the	Hardcopy via School Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEN Policy</li> </ul>	Free
<b>Class 2 - What we spend and how we spend it</b> Financial information about projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit. Current and previous two financial years as a minimum.	Hardcopy – Governors, request made via school office	POA



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Annual budget plan and financial statements</b>            Details of the Individual Schools Budget distributed by the Local Authority and the school's annual income and expenditure returns.         </li> <li> <b>Capital funding</b>            Details of the capital funding allocated to the school together with information on related building projects and other capital projects.         </li> <li> <b>Additional Funding</b>            Income generation schemes and other sources of funding.         </li> <li> <b>Procurement and contracts</b>            Details of procedures used for the acquisition of goods and services. Details of contracts that have gone through a formal tendering process.         </li> </ul>	<p>Hardcopy – Governors, request made via school office</p>	<p>POA</p> <p>POA</p> <p>POA</p> <p>POA</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Pay policy</b>            The statement of the school's policy and procedures regarding teachers' pay.         </li> <li> <b>Staffing and grading structure</b> </li> <li> <b>Governors' allowances</b>            Details of allowances and expenses that can be claimed or incurred.         </li> </ul>	<p>Hardcopy – Governors, request made via school office</p> <p>Hardcopy – School Office <i>Governor Allowances Policy</i></p>	<p>POA</p> <p>£1.00</p>
<p><b>Class 3 - What our priorities are and how we are doing</b>            Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews.            Current information as a minimum</p>	<p>Hardcopy – School Office            School Website            School Development Plan            Priority Overview            OFSTED reports (Free)</p>	<p>£1.00 per item</p>



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<p>Below is a list of the type of information that schools usually have available for publication. Any other reports or recorded information showing the school's planned or actual performance would also normally be included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School profile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Government-supplied performance data</li> <li>- Summary of latest Ofsted report</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Performance management information</b> <p>Performance management procedures adopted by the governing body.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Schools future plans</b> <p>Any major proposals for the future of the school involving, for example, consultation or a change in school status.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Child protection/Safeguarding</b> <p>The policies and procedures that are in place to ensure that functions are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in compliance with any guidance issued by the Secretary of State (DfE).</p> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Hardcopy – School Office e.g. ASP online report</p> <p>Hardcopy – School Office <i>Appraisal Policy</i></p> <p>Hardcopy – School Office, when necessary /appropriate</p> <p>School Website Hardcopy – School Office</p>	<p>£1.00 per item / Free from website</p> <p>£1.00</p> <p>POA</p> <p>Free</p>
<p><b>Class 4 - How we make decisions</b></p>		
<p>Decision-making processes and records of decisions. Current and previous three years as a minimum.</p>	<p>Hardcopy – Governors meeting minutes, impact statements, newsletters, Governor development plan request made via school office</p>	<p>£1.00 per item</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Admissions policy / decisions</b></li> </ul> <p>The school's admission arrangements and procedures, together with information about the right of appeal. Individual admission decisions would not be expected to be published, but information on application numbers/patterns of successful applicants (including criteria on which applications were successful) should be if this information is held by the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minutes of meetings of the Governing body and its sub-committees</b></li> </ul> <p>Minutes, agendas and papers considered at such meetings should be published as soon as practicable, with the exception of information that is properly considered to be private to the meeting.</p>	<p>Hardcopy – School office School Website</p> <p>Hardcopy of reports of numbers/patterns, if available</p> <p>Hardcopy – School office</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>£1.00 per item</p> <p>£1.00 per item</p>
<p><b>Class 5 - Our policies and procedures</b></p> <p>Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities. Current information only.</p>	<p>School Website</p> <p>Hardcopy – School Office</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>£1.00 per item</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School policies</b></li> </ul> <p>This will include school policies and procedures together with other information related to the school such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- charging and remissions policy**,</li> <li>- health and safety</li> <li>- risk assessments,</li> <li>- complaints procedure**,</li> <li>- staff conduct policy,</li> <li>- discipline and grievance policies,</li> <li>- pay policy,</li> <li>- staffing structure implementation plan</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pupil and Curriculum policies</b></li> </ul>	<p>Hard copy and/or Website</p>	<p>Free</p>



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<p>This includes such policies as curriculum, healthy relationships, special educational needs, accessibility, equality, collective worship and behaviour.</p>	<p>School Website Hardcopy – School Office</p>	<p>Free</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Records management and personal data policies</b></li> </ul> <p>This will include information security policies, records retention, destruction and archive policies, and data protection (including data sharing) policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Equality and diversity</b></li> </ul> <p>This will also include policies, schemes, statements, procedures and guidelines relating to equal opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policies and procedures for the recruitment of staff</b></li> </ul> <p>If vacancies are advertised as part of recruitment policies, details of current vacancies will be readily available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Charging remissions and policies</b></li> </ul> <p>Details of any statutory charging remissions should be provided. Charging policies should include charges made for information routinely published. They should clearly state what costs are to be recovered, the basis on which they are made, and how they are calculated.</p>	<p>Hardcopy – School Office</p> <p>Hardcopy – School Office School Website</p> <p>Hardcopy – School Office <i>Safer recruitment Procedure</i></p> <p>Hardcopy – School Office</p> <p>School Website</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Free</p>
<p><b>Class 6 - Lists and registers</b> Currently maintained list and registers only.</p>	<p>Hardcopy – School office Where available</p>	<p>£1.00 per item</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Asset register</b></li></ul> <p>We would expect some information from capital asset registers to be available, if such registers are held.</p>	Hardcopy – School office	£1.00 Per item
<p><b>The services we offer</b></p> <p>Information about the services the school provides including leaflets, guidance and newsletters. Current information only. Generally this is an extension of part of the first class of information and may also relate to information covered in other classes. Examples of services that could be included here are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Extra-curricular activities</b></li><li>• <b>Out of school clubs</b></li><li>• <b>School publications</b></li><li>• <b>Leaflets, booklets and newsletters.</b></li></ul>	Hardcopy – School office	Free

[\*\* Information available on our website – all or part of]

Our website is at <http://www.bensonschool.co.uk>.

## 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 Bridget Dennis, Head Teacher

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](mailto:publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk).

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)



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## **Benson Community School**

### **Freedom of Information Publication**

#### **Scheme Annex A - Further**

#### **documents held by the school**

Name of Document	Description