

Freedom of Information

Guide to information available from Thirsk CP School under the model publication scheme

Thirsk CP Primary School has adopted the model publication scheme for public authorities (which includes schools), prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. The model information scheme is as follows – for clarification any reference to 'authority' means the school:-

Model Publication Scheme

This publication scheme commits an authority to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by the authority. Additional assistance is provided to the definition of these classes in sector specific guidance manuals issued by the Information Commissioner.

The scheme commits an authority:

- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below.
- To specify the information which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below.
- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme.
- To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public.
- To review and update on a regular basis the information the authority makes available under this scheme.
- To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available.
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

Classes of information

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Who we are and what we do

Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.

What we spend and how we spend it

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

What our priorities are and how we are doing

Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.

How we make decisions

Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.

Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

Lists and Registers

Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the authority.

The services we offer

Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

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.

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- 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.

The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available

The authority will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

Where it is within the capability of a public authority, information will be provided on a website. Where it is impracticable to make information available on a website or when an individual does not wish to access the information by the website, a public authority 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.

Charges which may be made for information published under this scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the authority 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 Parliament. Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred such as:

- photocopying
- postage and packaging

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- 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 the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

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.

Written Requests

Information held by a public authority 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.

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Information to be published. This includes datasets where applicable – please see “How to complete the Guide to Information”.	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) Thirsk Community Primary school Hambleton Place Thirsk YO7 1SL 01845 524349 www.thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk Local Authority: North Yorkshire CC Head Teacher: Mr Richard Chandler	(hard copy and/or website)	
Who's who in the school	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
Who's who on the governing body / board of governors and the basis of their appointment	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
Instrument of Government / Articles of Association	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
Contact details for the Head teacher and for the governing body, via the school (named contacts where possible).	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
School prospectus (if any)	Website	Free-on website

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	School Brochure	10p per sheet
Annual Report (if any)	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
Staffing structure	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
School session times and term dates	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
Address of school and contact details, including email address.	Website School Brochure	Free-on website 10p per sheet
Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit) Current and previous financial year as a minimum	Inspection only. Please contact the school office to make an appointment	None
Annual budget plan and financial statements	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Capital funding	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Financial audit reports	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Details of expenditure items over £2000 – published at least annually but at a more frequent quarterly or six-monthly interval where practical.	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage

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Procurement and contracts the school has entered into, or information relating to / a link to information held by an organisation which has done so on its behalf (for example, a local authority or diocese).	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Pay policy	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Staff allowances and expenses that can be incurred or claimed, with totals paid to individual senior staff members (Senior Leadership Team or equivalent, whose basic actual salary is at least £60,000 per annum) by reference to categories.	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Staffing, pay and grading structure. As a minimum the pay information should include salaries for senior staff (Senior Leadership Team or equivalent as above) in bands of £10,000; for more junior posts, by salary range.	Hard copy via the school	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Governors' allowances that can be incurred or claimed, and a record of total payments made to individual governors.	Not Applicable	
<p>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)</p> <p>Current information as a minimum</p>	<p>Hardcopy of <u>School Improvement Plan</u> available from school office</p> <p><u>Ofsted report</u>: available on line, link from school website: www.thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk</p> <p>Hard copy available from school <u>Audit</u>: Hard copy available from</p>	<p>10p per sheet + £5 admin + postage</p> <p>Or free if website link used</p> <p>10p per sheet + £5 admin + postage</p>

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	school office	
<p>School profile (if any)</p> <p>And in all cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance data supplied to the English or Welsh Government or to the Northern Ireland Executive, or a direct link to the data • The latest Ofsted / Estyn / Education and Training Inspectorate report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary - Full report • Post-inspection action plan 	<p><u>School Profile</u>: available on line, link from school website Hard copy request from school</p> <p><u>Ofsted report</u>: available on line, link from school website: www.thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk</p> <p>Hard copy available from school</p>	<p>Free-on website</p> <p>10p per sheet + + £5 admin + postage</p>
Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the governing body.	School website Hard copy via the school	Free-on website 10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Performance data or a direct link to it	School website Hard copy via the school	Free 10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
The school's future plans; for example, proposals for and any consultation on the future of the school, such as a change in status	School Improvement Plan Hard copy via the school or if applicable, by contacting the school office	10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage

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Safeguarding and child protection	School website Hard copy via the school	Free-on website 10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions) Current and previous three years as a minimum	<u>Minutes of Governing Body and sub committee meetings:</u> inspection only. School Website Hard Copy via the School	Free-on website 10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Admissions policy/decisions (not individual admission decisions) – where applicable	School Website School Brochure	Free-on website 5p per copy + £5 admin + postage
Agendas and minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees. (NB this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings).	When published, but excluding any items marked confidential. School Website Hard copy available from the school office	Free-on website 10p per sheet + £5 admin + postage
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only. As a minimum these must include policies, procedures and documents that the school is required to have by statute or by its funding agreement or equivalent, or by the Welsh or English government or the Northern Ireland	Some policies available on the school's website: www.thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk	Free-on website

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<p>Executive. These will include policies and procedures for handling information requests. In addition, for Wales, this will include a Welsh Language Scheme in accordance with the Welsh Language Act 1993. For Northern Ireland, this will include an equality scheme / statement in accordance with the Northern Ireland Act 1998.</p>		
<p>Records management and personal data policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information security policies • Records retention, destruction and archive policies • Data protection (including information sharing policies) 	<p>On School Website Hard copy available from school office</p>	<p>10p per sheet + £5 admin + postage</p>
<p>Charging regimes and policies.</p> <p>This should include details of any statutory charging regimes. 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>If the school charges a fee for re-licensing the use of datasets, it should state in its guide how this is calculated (please see "How to complete the Guide to information").</p>	<p>On School Website Hard copy available from school office</p>	<p>10p per sheet</p>
<p>Class 6 – Lists and Registers</p> <p>Currently maintained lists and registers only (this does not include the attendance register).</p>	<p>Inspection only. Contact the school office to make an appointment</p>	<p>None</p>

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Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Inspection only. Contact the school office to make an appointment	None
Disclosure logs	Inspection only. Contact the school office to make an appointment	None
Asset register	Inspection only. Contact the school office to make an appointment	None
Any information the school is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers	Inspection only. Contact the school office to make an appointment	None
Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)	School website Hard copy via the school	Free-on website 10p per sheet + £5 admin fee + postage
Current information only		
Extra-curricular activities	School website School newsletter	Free-on website 10p per copy
Out of school clubs	School website School newsletter	Free-on website 10p per copy
Services for which the school is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees	School website School newsletter	Free-on website 10p per copy

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School publications, leaflets, books and newsletters	School website School newsletter	Free-on website 10p per copy
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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 @ 10p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost 10p per sheet + admin time*
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee	Administration Fee - £5	Subject Access Request under the Data Protection Act 1998
Other		

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority