

Freedom of Information Publication Scheme Policy

This policy applies to all employees of the Federation (permanent, fixed term and casual)

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THE ACADEMY

Harris Academy Falconwood has a can-do enterprising culture. Our students know that, through hard work and determination, they can achieve anything and everything they set their minds to. It is very important to us that, whatever an individual student's starting point is, he or she is given the opportunities needed to achieve his or her personal best.

We combine the traditional values of discipline, respect and good behaviour with contemporary best practice in teaching and technology. With these core principles in place, we develop our students into happy, educated young people with the desire and drive to succeed.

This policy, and its associated procedures and protocols, is based on these key principles.

We are committed to promoting public understanding of its nature and activities via the systematic publication of all relevant information.

We will make every effort to comply with the request for information.

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Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

1. INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS A PUBLICATION SCHEME IS AND WHY IT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED

This publication scheme commits the Academy 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 Academy.

The scheme commits the Academy:

- to proactively publish, or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, which is held by the Academy and falls within the classifications below
- to specify the information that is held by the Academy 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 Academy 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.

2. CLASSES OF INFORMATION

2.1 Who we are and what we do

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

2.2 What we spend and how we spend it

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

2.3 What our priorities are and how we are doing

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

2.4 How we make decisions

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

2.5 Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

2.6 Lists and registers

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

2.7 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
- 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

3. THE METHOD BY WHICH INFORMATION PUBLISHED UNDER THIS SCHEME WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

The Academy 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 the Academy, information will be provided on our 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, the Academy 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 the Academy 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.

4. 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 Academy 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
- 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.

5. WRITTEN REQUESTS

Information held by the Academy 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.

6. CONTACT DETAILS

If you require a paper version of any information, or want to ask whether information is available, please contact the Academy by telephone, email or letter. Contact details are set out below or you can visit the Academy website at www.harrisfalconwood.org.uk.

Tel: 020 8304 4916
Email: info@harrisfalconwood.org.uk
Address: The Green, Welling, Kent DA16 2PE

To help us process requests quickly, any correspondence should be clearly marked "PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST".

7. MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The Federation Body will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.

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