

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act



This policy should be read in light of our Mission Statement that states:

'At St. Joseph's, we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus'

This is St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 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 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 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

The school aims to:

- Be a caring community in which all members - pupils, staff, parents experience the love of God through one another and through prayer and worship, celebration and liturgy,
- enable every child to fulfil their learning potential, with education that meets the needs of each child,

- help every child develop the skills, knowledge and personal qualities needed for life and work,

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'.

The classes of information that we undertake to make available are organised into four broad topic areas:

- *The School Profile and other information relating to the Governing Body* - information published in the School Profile 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 details are set out below. **or you can visit our website at www.stjosephsherts.org.uk**

Email: admin@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01992 629503

Contact Address: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Royal Avenue, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire EN8 7EN

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. Where there is a charge this will be indicated by a £ sign in the description box.

6. Classes of Information Currently Published

The School Profile and other information relating to the Governing Body- **this section sets out information**

Class	Description
School Profile	The contents of the school profile is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• list information included in the school profile e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ performance data○ summary of Ofsted report○ school's intentions for the future, etc.
Instrument of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Details of any trust• If the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos• The date the instrument takes effect
Minutes ¹ of meeting of the Governing Body and its committees	Agreed minutes of meetings of the Governing Body and its committees

¹ 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.

Class	Description
Home - school agreement	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
Child Protection Policy	Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school.
School Behavioural Policy	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the St Joseph's to prevent bullying.

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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

The Governing Body
 c/o St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
 Royal Avenue
 Waltham Cross
 Hertfordshire
 EN8 7EN

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.

Website : www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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The policy is also available in the following formats, on request to the headteacher: email; enlarged print version; other formats by arrangement.