



St. Mark'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 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 scheme covers information already published and information which is to be 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 model scheme for schools approved by the Information Commissioner.

2. Aims and Objectives

The school aims to:

- 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'. 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:

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| <i>School Prospectus</i> | information published in the school prospectus. |
| <i>Governors' Documents</i> | information published in the Governors' Annual Report 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.

Email: **ad.stmarks.p@talk21.com**

Tel: **01473 601748**

Fax: **01473 684588**

Contact Address: **Stone Lodge Lane West, Ipswich, IP2 9HN**

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 you can still contact the school to ask if we have it.

5. Paying for information

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

School Prospectus – this section sets out information published in the school prospectus.

| Class | Description |
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| School Prospectus ** | <p>The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows, (other items may be included in the prospectus at the school’s discretion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs• 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• GCSE/GNVQ results in the school, locally and nationally• a summary of GCE A/AS level results in the school and nationally• the number of pupils studying for and percentage achieving other vocational |

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| | <p>qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the destinations of school leavers¹ • the arrangements for visits to the school by prospective parents • the number of places for pupils of normal age of entry in the preceding school year and the number of written applications / preferences expressed for those places |
| Instrument of Government (Under review) | <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 |
| Minutes² of meeting of the governing body and its committees | Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees [<i>current and last full academic school year</i>] Cost £10.00 |

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

| Class | Description |
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| 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. Schemes of work and syllabuses currently used by the school Cost £2 - £10.00 subject to photocopying costs. |
| 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 |
| Careers Education Policy | Statement of the programmes of careers education provided for Key 4. |

¹ Some information might be confidential or otherwise exempt from the publication by law – we cannot therefore publish this

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| Child Protection Policy | Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school. |
| Pupil Discipline (Behaviour Policy) | Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the head teacher to prevent bullying (included in separate Anti-Bullying Policy). |

School Policies and other information related to the school - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to the school in general.

| Class | Description |
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| Published reports of Ofsted referring expressly to the school | Published report of the last inspection of the school (April 2000) and the summary of the report. Cost £5.00. |
| Post-Ofsted inspection action plan | A plan setting out the actions required following the last Ofsted inspection. |
| Charging and Remissions Policies | A statement of the school's policy with respect to charges and remissions for any optional extra or board and lodging for which charges are permitted, for example school publications, music tuition, trips (Under review) |
| School session times and term dates | Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays |
| Health and Safety Policy and risk assessment | Statement of general policy with respect to health and safety at work of employees (and others) and the organisation and arrangements for carrying out the policy |
| Complaints procedure | Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints |
| Performance Management of Staff | Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to the performance management of staff and the annual report of the head teacher on the effectiveness of appraisal procedures |
| Staff Conduct, Discipline and Grievance | Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and discipline of school staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance |
| Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments | Any statutory instruments, departmental circulars and administrative memoranda sent by the Department of Education and Skills to the head teacher or governing body relating to the curriculum |
| Annex A - Other documents | Annex A provides a list of other documents that are held by the school and are available on request |

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 Headteacher.

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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Freedom of Information Publication Scheme Annex A – Further documents held by the school



| Name of Document | Description |
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| Admissions' Policy | Information on admissions policy and procedures specific to St. Mark's Catholic School. These compliment the Policy and Procedures of Suffiol County Council who oversee all admissions. |
| Drugs' Policy | Information on the Drugs Education programme and strategies for dealing with drugs in school. |
| Emergency Plan | This details actions and responsibilities in the event of a major incident. It is a guide rather than a checklist, clearly indicating common procedures and points of contact. |
| Exclusion Policy | Information on policy and procedures with regard to the exclusion of a student from the school following contraventions to the Behaviour Policy and Code. |
| Gifted and Talented Policy | This policy emphasises the school's commitment to extend the most able students by both curricular and extra curricular provision. |
| Teaching and Learning Policy | Information on procedures for clear and effective teaching and learning. Included are both strategies and the rationale behind them. |