



Freedom of Information Act publication scheme for academies

Adapted from the DFE Model document for the purposes of the Beckfoot Trust

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This generic model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. It may be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice.

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

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.
- 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
- 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. **For FOI requests relating to the the Beckfoot Trust or any schools within the Trust, please put your request in writing to the Academy Trust Administrator, Beckfoot Trust, Wagon Lane, Bingley. BD16 1EE.**

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For academies, this model publication scheme is best complied with by following the suggested table below, which identifies the information which meets the requirements of the Information Commissioner.

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only	School Website.	No Charge
Academy Funding Agreement – a link to the document on the Department for Education’s website	www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-agreements-for-academies/funding-agreements-for-academies	No Charge
Academy Order (if applicable)	Where available. Hard copy - written request	Charge tba
School staff and structure – names of key personnel	Hard copy - written request	Charge tba
Governing body – names and contact details of the governors and the basis of their appointment	School Website	No Charge
School session times, term dates and holidays	School Website	No Charge
Location and contact information – address, telephone number and website	School Website	No Charge
Contact details for the Principal and the Governing Body	School Website	No Charge
School Prospectus	School Website	No Charge
School Session times and term dates	School Website	No Charge
GCSE results – a link to the data on the Department for Education’s website	www.gov.uk/government/statistics/provisional-gcse-and-equivalent-results-in-england-2014-to-2015	No Charge
Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
What we spend and how we spend it Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)	Beckfoot School and Hazelbeck Accounts – School Website (Beckfoot Upper Heaton will be included from January 2017). Any other information – written request.	No Charge Charge TBA
Annual budget plan and financial statements	Budget - written request.	Charge TBA

	Financial statements on the website (free)	
Capital funding – details of capital funding allocated to the school along with information on related building projects and other capital projects	Funding Available from the EFA website Information regarding Projects – written request.	No charge Charge TBA
Additional funding – Income generation schemes and other sources of funding.	Hard copy – written request.	Charge TBA
Procurement and contracts – details of procedures used for the acquisition of goods and services. Details of contracts that have gone through a formal tendering process.	Hard copy – written request.	Charge TBA
Staffing and grading structure	Hard copy – written request.	Charge TBA
Pay policy – a statement of the Academy’s policy on procedures regarding teachers’ pay.	Hard copy – written request.	Charge TBA
Governors’ allowances – Details of allowances and expenses that can be claimed or incurred.	Finance procedures available – written request.	Charge TBA
Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews) Current information should be published.	Beckfoot Website - http://www.beckfoot.org/?page_id=1266 Hazelbeck Website – http://www.hazelbeck.org/?page_id=2032 Beckfoot Upper Heaton Website – http://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/prospectus-policies/	No Charge
School profile	http://www.education.gov.uk/edubase/home.xml (search by school)	No charge
Government supplied performance data	http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/ (search by school)	No charge
OFSTED report – summary and full report	http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/ (search by school)	No charge
Performance management information	Hard copy – written request.	Charge TBA
Academy’s future plans – any major proposals on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	Hard copy – written request.	Charge TBA

Child protection – policies and procedures on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	Beckfoot Website – http://www.beckfoot.org/?page_id=158 Hazelbeck Website - http://www.hazelbeck.org/?page_id=651 Beckfoot Upper Heaton Website – http://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/prospectus-policies/	No charge
Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions) Current and previous three years as a minimum	Combination of school Website and written requests.	
Admissions policy - arrangements and procedures and right of appeal – include information on application numbers and number of successful applicants by each oversubscription criteria.	Coordinated Admission Arrangements via Bradford Council – http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/education_and_skills/schools/school_admissions/admission_arrangements.htm Current information is also available on the school websites, information relating to previous academic should be requested in writing.	No Charge Charge TBA
Governing body meeting agendas, papers and minutes – information that is properly considered to be private should be excluded.	Hard copy – written request	Charge TBA
Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only		

<p>School policies including:</p> <p>Charging and remissions policy</p> <p>Health and Safety and risk assessment</p> <p>Complaints procedure</p> <p>Staff conduct policy</p> <p>Discipline and grievance policies</p> <p>Pay policy</p> <p>Staffing structure implementation plan</p> <p>Information request handling policy</p> <p>Staff recruitment policies</p>	<p>Some policies are available on the school Websites and available at no charge.</p> <p>For any not on the school websites please submit a written request.</p>	<p>Charge TBA</p>
<p>Pupil and curriculum policies, including:</p> <p>Home-school agreement</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <p>Sex education</p> <p>Special education needs</p> <p>Accessibility</p> <p>Race equality</p> <p>Collective worship</p> <p>Careers education</p> <p>Pupil discipline</p>	<p>Some policies are available on the school Websites and available at no charge.</p> <p>For any not on the school websites please submit a written request.</p>	<p>Charge TBA</p>
<p>Records management and personal data policies</p> <p>Information security</p> <p>Records retention</p>	<p>Hard copy – written request</p>	<p>Charge TBA</p>
<p>Information to be published</p>	<p>How the information can be obtained</p>	<p>Charge</p>
<p>Destruction and archive policies</p> <p>Data Protection policies</p>	<p>Hard copy – written request</p>	<p>Charge TBA</p>

<p>Equality and diversity (Policies, schemes, statements, procedures and guidelines relating to equal opportunities)</p> <p>Policies and procedures for the recruitment of staff – details of vacancies should be included</p>	<p>Some policies are available on the school Websites and available at no charge.</p> <p>For any not on the school websites please submit a written request.</p>	Charge TBA
<p>Charging regimes and policies</p> <p>This should include details of any statutory charging regimes. Charging policies should include details of 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>Some policies are available on the school Websites and available at no charge.</p> <p>For any not on the school websites please submit a written request.</p>	Charge TBA
Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
<p>Lists and Registers</p> <p>Currently maintained lists and registers only</p>	(hard copy and/ or website; some information may only be available for inspection)	
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Hard copy – written request	Charge TBA
Disclosure logs	Hard copy – written request	Charge TBA
Asset register	Hard copy – written request	Charge TBA
Any information the Academy is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers	Hard copy – written request	Charge TBA
Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
<p>The services we offer</p> <p>(Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)</p> <p>Current information only</p>	(hard copy and/ or website; some information may only be available for inspection)	

Extra-curricular activities	Beckfoot School Website - http://www.beckfoot.org/?page_id=161 Beckfoot Upper Heaton Website - http://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/parent-information/	No Charge
Out of school clubs	Beckfoot School Website - http://www.beckfoot.org/?page_id=161 Beckfoot Upper Heaton Website - http://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/parent-information/	
School publications	School Website	No Charge
Services for which the Academy is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees	Community Lettings and Teaching School – written request	Charge TBA
Leaflets, booklets and newsletters	School Website	No Charge

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