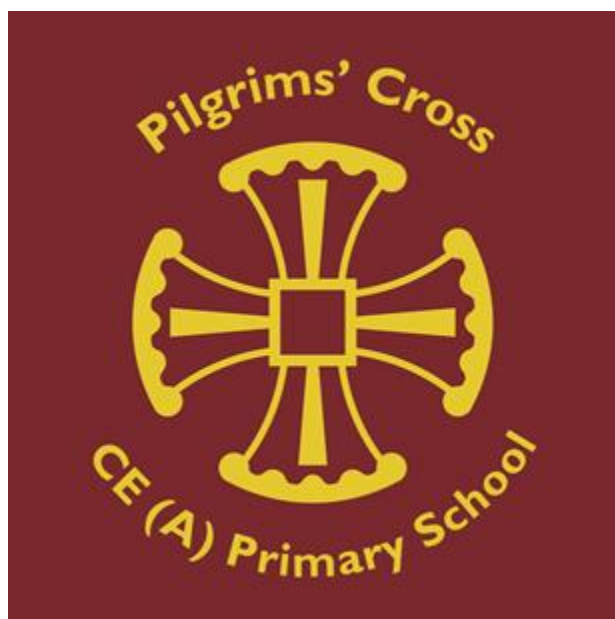


*Learning, to make a difference, in
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Pilgrims' Cross CE Aided Primary School



Freedom of Information Policy 2024-2027

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Freedom of Information Policy and Publication Scheme

Introduction

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) was introduced to promote greater openness and accountability across the public sector and requires all maintained schools and Academies to be clear and proactive about the information they will make public. As a result, we at Pilgrims' Cross CE (A) Primary School have produced 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 available in paper form, some is available electronically on our website for you to download and print. 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's Office (ICO).

The Aims of the Policy

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.

This publication scheme is a means of showing how we are pursuing these aims.

Publication Scheme - 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'. Statutory, and additional contents the school have chosen to add, can be seen in our Publication Scheme in the Appendix.

The classes of information that we undertake to make available are organised into the following areas:

- School Prospectus – information published in the school prospectus (NB this is currently online only).
- Governors’ Documents – information published in 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.

How to Request Information

If you require a paper version of any of the documents within the scheme, the request must be made in writing by email or letter giving clear details of the information requested. Written notice of any fee will be provided to the enquirer before any information is supplied. Contact details are set out below:

Address: Pilgrims’ Cross CE (A) Primary School, Picket Twenty Way, Picket Twenty, Andover, SP11 6TY.

E-mail: admin adminoffice@pilgrimscross.co.uk

web: www.pilgrimscross.co.uk

To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence “PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST” (in CAPITALS please).

If the information you are looking for is not evident via the scheme or on our website, then a Freedom of Information (FOI) request is needed. This must be in writing and must contain the requestor’s name and contact details; either postal address or email address for the response to be sent. All FOI requests must be responded to by us within 20 working days from receipt (excluding school holidays).

Withholding Information

The FOI Act contains 23 exemptions whereby information can be withheld. There are two categories: absolute and non-absolute. We will only withhold information if

it falls within the scope of one or more of these exemptions. Complete files or documents will not be withheld just because part of the information is covered by an exemption.

An exemption will only be applied where we have reason to believe that prejudice might occur to the interest protected by the exemption. In addition, wherever a “public interest” exemption is being considered, we will only withhold that information which it can demonstrate that the public interest will be best served by withholding. When considering withholding information under a non-absolute exemption we will take into account whether the release of the information would:

- promote further understanding of current issues of public debate;
- promote the accountability of decisions taken by us and the spending and allocation of public money;
- bring to light matters of public safety;
- allows the public to understand and challenge decisions made by us;
- be otherwise in the public interest.

Where information is withheld under an exemption in most cases the reason behind the decision will be made clear to the applicant, citing the exemption under which the information is being withheld.

Paying for Information

Information published on our website is free, although you may incur costs from your internet service provider. If you do not have internet access, you can access our website using either a local library or an internet café.

Single copies of information covered by this publication are provided free unless stated otherwise. If the Publication Scheme request or FOI 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. Payment may be requested prior to provision of the information.

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 regarding information you have received or been refused then initially this should be addressed to the Headteacher, Pilgrims' Cross CE (A) Primary School, Picket Twenty Way, Picket Twenty, Andover, SP11 6TY.

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's Office, Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: 0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/> <https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1153/model-publication-scheme.pdf>

APPENDIX

School Prospectus (NB this is currently online only)

The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows:

Class	Description	Website	On Application
School Prospectus	The name, address and telephone number of the school and the type of school	Yes	
	The names of the Headteacher and Chair of Governors	Yes	
	Information on the school policy on admissions	Yes	
	A statement of the school's ethos and values	Yes	
	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	Yes	
	Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs	Yes	

	Number of pupils on roll and rates of pupils' authorised and unauthorised absences		Yes
	National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stage, with national summary figures	Yes	
	The arrangements for visits to school by prospective parents		Yes
	The number of places for pupils of normal age entry in the preceding school year and the number of written applications/preferences expressed for those places		Yes

Information Relating to the Governing Body

Class	Description	Website	On Application
Governing Body	The names of the governors should be available, and the basis on which they have been appointed, along with the details of how to contact them via the school	Yes	
Instrument of	The name of the school		Yes

Government ..	▪ The category of the school		Yes
	▪ The name of the governing body		Yes
	The manner in which the governing body is constituted		Yes
	The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years		Yes
	The name of anybody entitled to appoint any category of governor.		Yes
	Details of any trust .		Yes
	The date the instrument takes effect		Yes
▪ Minutes of the governing body and its committees	Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees in relation to meetings		Yes

Pupils & Curriculum Policies

This section gives access to information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.

Class	Description	Website	On Application
Home-school agreement/home work expectations	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	Yes	
Curriculum Statements	Statement on following the policy for the secular curriculum subjects and religious education and schemes of work and syllabuses currently used by the school	Yes	
Sex & Relationships Policy	Statement of policy with regard to relationship and sex relationship education	Yes	
Special Education Needs and Disability Policy	Information about the school's policy and Local Offer on providing for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities	Yes	
Equalities Policy	Statement of policy for promoting equality at the school	Yes	
Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy	Statement of policy for Safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school	Yes	

Behaviour & Discipline Policy	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline	Yes	
Other Policies	<p>Other policies relating to pupils & curriculum include:</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Accessibility</p> <p>Admissions</p> <p>Anti-bullying</p> <p>Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)</p> <p>Medical</p> <p>Personal development learning & citizenship</p> <p>Promoting British values</p> <p>Spiritual, moral, social & cultural development</p> <p>Teaching, learning & curriculum</p> <p>Year 6 swimming competence</p>	Yes	

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	Website	On Application
OFSTED published reports referring expressly to the school	Published report of the last inspection of the school and the summary of the report and where appropriate inspection reports of religious education in those schools designated as having a religious character.	Yes	
Post – OFSTED Inspection action plan	A plan setting out the actions required following the last OFSTED inspection.		Yes
Current School Improvement Plan (summary)	A summary of current strategic priorities, focusing on outcomes for all groups of pupils.	Yes	
Pupil Premium Funding	A description of the funding received and the uses to which it is put.	Yes	
Sports Funding	A description of the funding received and the uses to which it is put.	Yes	
Charging and Remissions Policy	A statement of the school’s policy with respect to charges and remissions for any optional extra or board or lodging for which charges are permitted, for example school publications,	Yes	

	music tuition or trips		
School session times and term dates	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays	Yes	
Health & 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	Yes	
Complaints procedure	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints	Yes	
Performance Management of Staff	Statement of procedures for regulating conduct and discipline of school staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance		Yes
Other policies & documents	<p>We aim to be transparent about all our policies and to maintain and develop them over time. In addition to the policies outlined above we also publish on our website policies on:</p> <p>Code of conduct for governors</p> <p>Data protection</p> <p>Governors' expenses</p>	Yes	

	Prevent duty		
Curriculum circulars and Statutory instruments	Any statutory instruments, departmental circulars and administrative memoranda sent by the Department of Education to the headteacher or governing body relating to the curriculum		Yes

A request for any other information held by the school may incur a charge.