



Policy Name	Freedom of Information
Review and Approval by	Full Board of Governors
Date Ratified	
Signed By	
Position	Chair of Board of Governors
Review Period for this Policy	3 Yearly
Date for Future Review	May 2017

Implementation of this policy supports the duties to promote equality of opportunity and positive attitudes in relation to disability, gender and race and to eliminate discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

Date	Changes
30/01/16	Amend Governing Body to Board of Governors

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 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.

Aims and Objectives

The school aims to:

- Enable every child to fulfil their learning potential, with education that meets the needs of each child, and;
- 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.

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:

- School Prospectus – information published in the school prospectus.
- School Profile and other information relating to the Board of Governors – information published in the School Profile and in other Board of Governors 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, please contact the school by telephone, email, fax or letter. Contact details are set out below.

Email: admin@mpsplymouth.net

Tel: 01752 216160

Contact Address: Montpelier Primary School, North Down Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth. PL2 3HN

To help us process your request, clearly mark any correspondence '**PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST**'. If the information you are looking for isn't available via the scheme, you can still contact the school to ask if we have it.

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.

Classes of information currently published

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

Class	Description
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">• Information about the implementation of the Board of Governors policy on pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and any changes to the policy during the last year• A description of the arrangements for the admission of pupils with disabilities; details of steps to prevent disabled pupils being treated less favourably than other pupils; details of existing facilities to assist access to the school by pupils with disabilities; the accessibility plan covering future policies for increasing access by those with disabilities to the school

School Profile and other information relating to the Board of Governors– this section sets out information published in the School Profile and in other Board of Governors documents.

Class	Description
School Profile	<p>The contents of the School Profile are as follows:</p> <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 Board of Governors• The manner in which the Board of Governors 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 Board of Governors and its committees	<p>Agreed minutes of meetings of the Board of Governors and its committees <i>[current and last full academic school year]</i></p>

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 <i>(from March 2004)</i> .
Pupil Discipline	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the head teacher to prevent bullying.

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
Published reports of Ofsted referring expressly to the school	Published report of the last inspection of the school and, where appropriate, inspection reports of religious education in those schools designated as having a religious character
Ofsted inspection Self-Evaluation Form ²	A statement of the Board of Governors’s evaluation of the school’s performance.

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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
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 Board of Governors 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
Pay Policy	Statement of the school's policy regarding teachers' pay including procedures for determining teachers' grievances in relation to their pay.
Staffing Structure Implementation Plan	The school's plan for the implementation of any changes to its staffing structure following statutory review.
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 Board of Governors relating to the curriculum
Admissions Policy	Statement of the school's policy on admissions
Annex A - Other documents	Annex A provides a list of other documents that are held by the school and are available on request

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 Mrs Wendy Tout, Chair of Governors.

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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Further documents held by the school

Name of Document	Description
Behaviour Policy	Policy outlining hierarchy of rewards and sanctions
Bullying Policy	Policy showing how the school tackles bullying
Early Years Policy	Policy specifically focused on Foundation
Curriculum policies (subject specific)	Each National Curriculum subject has its own policy, which details how and when this subject will be taught.
Marking policy	Policy explaining marks made on children's work.
Early Years Policy	Policy specifically focused on Foundation