Netherhall School

An Ambitious, Caring Community



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

Adopted by Netherhall School Governing Body
On March 2021

Signed:

(Neil Watt, Chair of Governors)

Date by which the procedure was last reviewed: October 2024

Anticipated review date: October 2025

Equality Act 2010

Our school is committed to equality both as an employer and a service provider. We welcome our general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations. In addition we recognise our specific duties to publish information every year about our school population; explain how we have due regard for equality; publish equality objectives which show how we plan to tackle particular inequalities and reduce or remove them.

We recognise our duty to ensure no-one experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination because of their age, any disability they may have, their ethnicity, colour or national origin, their gender identity or reassignment, their marital or civil partnership status, being pregnant or having recently had a baby, their religion or belief, their sexual identity and orientation.

We also welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion and British values.

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
Class 1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)	(hard copy and/or website)
This will be current information only	
Who's who in the school	Hard Copy
Who's who on the governing body and the basis of their appointment	Website (Information Booklet)
Instrument of Governance	Hard Copy
Contact details for the Head teacher and for the governing body (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	Website
School prospectus	Website
Staffing structure	Hard Copy
School session times and term dates	Website (The School Day/Term Dates)

Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)	(hard copy and/or website)
Current and previous financial year as a minimum	
Annual budget plan and financial statements	Hard Copy
Capitalised funding	Hard Copy
Additional funding	Hard Copy
Procurement and projects	Hard Copy
Pay policy	Hard Copy
Staffing and grading structure	Hard Copy
Governors' allowances	Hard Copy

Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)	(hard copy or website)
Current information as a minimum	
School profile	
□ Government supplied performance data	Link on website
☐ The latest Ofsted report	
- Summary	Website
- Full report	Website
Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the governing	Hard Copy
body.	
Schools future plans	Hard Copy
Safeguarding – policies and procedures	Website

Class 4 – How we make decisions	(hard copy or website)
(Decision making processes and records of decisions)	
Current and previous three years as a minimum	
Admissions policy/decisions (not individual admission decisions)	Website/Hard Copy
Agendas of meetings of the governing body and (if held) its sub-committees	Hard Copy (Full GB Website)
Minutes of meetings (as above) – nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings.	Hard Copy (excluding confidential items)
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Class 5 – Our policies and procedures	(hard copy or website)
(Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services	
and responsibilities)	
Current information only	
School policies including:	
□ Charging and remissions policy	Website
☐ Health and Safety	Website
□ Complaints procedure	Website/Prospectus
□ Staff conduct policy	Hard Copy (Staff Guide)
□ Discipline and grievance policies	Hard Copy
□ Staffing structure implementation plan	Hard Copy
□ Information request handling policy (FOI)	Website
□ Single Equality Scheme	Website
Pupil and curriculum policies, including:	
□ Home-school agreement	Website
□ Curriculum	Website (Info book/Prospectus)
□ Sex education	Hard Copy
□ Special educational needs	Website
□ Accessibility (Single Equality Scheme)	Website
□ Race equality (Single Equality Scheme)	Website
□ Collective worship	Hard Copy
□ Careers education	Hard Copy

□ Pupil discipline	Website (Behaviour
	Package/Policy)
Records management and personal data policies, including:	
□ Information security policies	Website (Data Protection)
□ Records retention destruction and archive policies	Hard Copy
□ Data protection (including information sharing policies)	Website
Charging regimes and policies.	Website
This should include details of any statutory charging regimes. Charging policies should include 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.	

Class 6 – Lists and Registers	(hard copy or website; some information may
Currently maintained lists and registers only	only be available by inspection)
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Hard Copy
Disclosure logs	Hard Copy inspection
Asset register	Hard Copy inspection
Any information the school is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER)	Hard Copy inspection
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Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)
Current information only	
Extra-curricular activities	Website (newsletter)
Out of school clubs	Website
School publications	Website
Services for which the school is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees	Website
Leaflets books and newsletters	Website
Additional Information	
This will provide schools with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above	

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SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and should be published as part of the guide.

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying/printing @ .15p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *: Photocopying & staff time Rate variable depending on the number & seniority of people involved.
	Photocopying/printing @ .20p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee		In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)
Other		

^{*} the actual cost incurred by the public authority