

Freedom of Information Publication Scheme



Thorn Grove Primary School

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1. What is the guide to information held?

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOI) requires all schools to produce a register of the types of information it will routinely make available to the public. This guide to information held follows a template approved by the Information Commissioner.

The guide to information held commits our school to:

- Proactively/ routinely publish information which is held by us falling within the “Classes” below (see section 2) in line with this scheme.
- Specify the information
- Explain how it will be made available
- Review and update information on a regular basis
- Explain any fees to be charged for the information
- Make this scheme publicly available
- Publish information held by the school that has been requested (unless not appropriate to do so)
- Publish information in a digital form that is capable of being re-used (under FOI Section 19 and the [Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations](#) (2015))
- Make clear if any information is a relevant copyright work (under FOI Section 19(8)) and the school is the only owner

2. Classes of information

There are 7 classes of information we hold (see section 6 for details):

1. Who we are and what we do.
2. What we spend and how we spend it.
3. What our priorities are and how we are doing.
4. How we make decisions.
5. Our policies and procedures.
6. Lists and registers.
7. The services we offer.

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.

3. Making Information Available

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, the school will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means (see Section 6).

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.

4. Charging

Charges which may be made for information published under this scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to make the greatest amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the school 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 law.

Charges may be made to cover our costs 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 circumstances (including the general principles of the right of access to information held) justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to you.

Charges may also be made for making datasets (or parts of datasets) that are relevant copyright works available for re-use. These charges will be in accordance with the terms of the [Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations](#) (2015), where they apply, or with regulations made under FOI Section 11B, or with other statutory powers of the school.

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.

5. Written requests

Information held by the school 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.

6. Thorn Grove Primary Guide to information held

Information to be published.	How the information can be obtained	Cost
<p>Class 1 - Who we are and what we do</p> <p>(Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)</p> <p>This will be current information only</p>	<p>School website:</p> <p>www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk</p>	Free
Who's who in the school	<p>School website:</p> <p>www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk</p>	Free
Who's who on the governing body / board of governors and the basis of their appointment	<p>School website:</p> <p>www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk</p>	Free
Instrument of Government / Articles of Association	On request to Chair of Governors c/o the school	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Contact details for the Head teacher and for the governing body, via the school (named contacts where possible).	<p>School website:</p> <p>www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk</p>	Free
Staffing structure	<p>On request to Head teacher</p> <p>Hard copy / email</p>	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
School session times and term dates	<p>School website:</p> <p>www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk</p>	Free
Address of school and contact details, including email address.	<p>School website:</p> <p>www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk</p>	Free
<p>Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it</p> <p>(Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)</p> <p>Current and previous financial year as a minimum</p>	<p>On request to Head teacher</p> <p>Hard copy / email</p>	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Annual budget plan and financial statements	<p>On request to Head teacher</p> <p>Hard copy / email</p>	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost

Capital funding	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Financial audit reports	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Details of expenditure items over £2000 – published at least annually but at a more frequent quarterly or six-monthly interval where practical.	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Procurement and contracts the school has entered into, or information relating to / a link to information held by an organisation which has done so on its behalf (for example, a local authority or diocese).	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Pay policy	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Staff allowances and expenses that can be incurred or claimed, with totals paid to individual senior staff members (Senior Leadership Team or equivalent, whose basic actual salary is at least £60,000 per annum) by reference to categories.	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Staffing, pay and grading structure. As a minimum the pay information should include salaries for senior staff (Senior Leadership Team or equivalent as above) in bands of £10,000; for more junior posts, by salary range.	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Governors' allowances that can be incurred or claimed, and a record of total payments made to individual governors.	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews) Current information as a minimum	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
School profile (if any) And in all cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance data supplied to the English or Welsh Government or to the Northern Ireland Executive, or a direct link to the data • The latest Ofsted / Estyn / Education and Training Inspectorate report 	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary - Full report • Post-inspection action plan 		
Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the governing body.	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Performance data or a direct link to it	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
The school's future plans; for example, proposals for and any consultation on the future of the school, such as a change in status	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Safeguarding and child protection	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
Class 4 – How we make decisions		
(Decision making processes and records of decisions) Current and previous three years as a minimum	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Admissions policy/decisions (not individual admission decisions) – where applicable	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
Agendas and minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees. (NB this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meetings).	On request to Chair of Governors Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures		
(Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only.	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
Records management and personal data policies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information security policies • Records retention, destruction and archive policies • Data protection (including information sharing policies) 	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
Charging regimes and policies.	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free

Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Currently maintained lists and registers only (this does not include the attendance register).	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email Some requests might be available only for inspection	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Disclosure logs	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email Some requests might be available only for inspection	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Asset register	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email Some requests might be available only for inspection	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Any information the school is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email Some requests might be available only for inspection	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Class 7 – The services we offer		
(Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses) Current information only	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
Extra-curricular activities	On request to Head teacher Hard copy / email	Not exceeding 20p per sheet plus postage cost
Out of school clubs	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
Services for which the school is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free
School publications, leaflets, books and newsletters	School website: www.thorngroveprimary.co.uk	Free

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 @0.0025p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost of
	Photocopying/printing @ 0.0249p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost of
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee		In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute) –on application
Other	Consumables i.e. paper and envelopes	Prices subject to constant fluctuation – will be calculated according to last order placed.

* the actual cost incurred by the school