**Publication Scheme of information available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

*The Board of Directors is responsible for maintenance of this scheme.*

**1. Introduction: what a publication scheme is and why it has been developed**

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 for you on request.

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.

**2. Aims and Objectives**

The Academy aims to:

* develop open and secure relationships which promote good communication and a shared understanding
* engage and challenge the whole child by developing a range of skills and abilities through a curriculum that offers a wide variety of experience
* develop a positive and strong work ethic to learning and encourage each individual to reach their full potential
* insist on high standards of behaviour and polite conduct respecting the needs of others
* promote individuals to take responsibility for their actions and to be aware that they are stewards of their environment
* provide a well-resourced and orderly learning environment where high standards of work and presentation are seen as models of excellence
* develop a committed school community which uses its full potential to work as a team for the common good in a supportive and positive manner.

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

3. 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:

* *Academy and School Prospectus* – information published in the school prospectus.
* *Information relating to the Board of Directors and the Governing Board* – information published in governance body documents.
* *Pupils & Curriculum* – information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.
* *Academy and School Policies and other information related to the school* - information about policies that relate to the school in general.

4. 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, or you can visit our website at:

[www.thelink.devon.sch.uk](http://www.thelink.devon.sch.uk)

**Bearnes:**

[www.bearnes.devon.sch.uk](http://www.bearnes.devon.sch.uk)

Email: adminbearnes@thelink.devon.sch.uk

Tel: 01626 353980

Fax: 01626 336873

Contact Address: Bearnes Voluntary Primary School, Queen Street, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2AU

**Diptford:**

[www.diptford.devon.sch.uk](http://www.diptford.devon.sch.uk)

Email: admindiptford@thelink.devon.sch.uk

Tel: 01548 821352

Fax: - ditto-

Contact Address: Diptford Parochial Church of England Primary School, Diptford, Totnes, Devon TQ9 7NY

**Harbertonford:**

[www.harbertonford-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.harbertonford-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Email: adminharbertonford@thelink.devon.sch.uk

Tel: 01803 732352

Fax: 01803 735148

Contact Address: Harbertonford C of E Primary School, Old Road, Harbertonford, Totnes, Devon. TQ9 7HW

**Hennock:**

[www.hennock-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.hennock-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Email: adminhennock@thelink.devon.sch.uk

Tel: 01803 833233

Fax: - ditto –

Contact Address: Hennock Community Primary School, Hennock, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 9QB

**Landscove:**

[www.landscove.devon.sch.uk](http://www.landscove.devon.sch.uk)

Email: adminlandscove@thelink.devon.sch.uk

Tel: 01803 762656

Fax: 01803 762526

Contact Address: Landscove C of E Primary School, Landscove, Ashburton, Devon. TQ13 7LY

**Stoke Gabriel School:**

 [www.stoke-gabriel-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.stoke-gabriel-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Email: adminstokegabriel@thelink.devon.sch.uk

Tel: 01803 782469

Fax: N/A

Contact Address: Stoke Gabriel Primary School. School Hill, Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6ST

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

If the information you’re looking for isn’t available via the scheme and isn’t on our website, you can still contact the school to ask if we have it.

**5. Paying for information**

Information published on our website is free, although you may incur costs from your Internet service provider. If you don’t have Internet access, you can access our website using a local library or an Internet café.

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 any cost before fulfilling your request. Where there is a charge this will be indicated on the Guide to Information Available table.

**6. Classes of Information Currently Published**

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

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| **Class** | **Description** |
| **School Prospectus** | The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows, (other items may be included in the prospectus at the school’s discretion):* information about the implementation of the governing body’s 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
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Information relating to the governing board– this section sets out information published in governing board documents.

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| **Class** | **Description** |
| **Instrument of Government** | * The name of the school
* The category of the school
* The name of the governing board
* The manner in which the governing board is constituted
* The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years
* The name of anybody 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
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| **Minutes of meeting of the governing board and its committees** | Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing board and its committees are held in School. |

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| **Class** | **Description** |
| **Articles of Association** | * The name of the Academy
* The name of the Board of Directors
* The manner in which the Board of Directors is constituted
* The term of office of each category of Director if less than 4 years
* The name of anybody entitled to appoint any category of Director
* Details of any trust
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| **Minutes of meeting of the Board of Directors and its committees** | Agreed minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees are held by the Clerk. |

Pupils & Curriculum Policies - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum. Paper copies are provided on request.

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| **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 & Relationships 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 (Whole School Safeguarding Policy). |
| 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 Academy in general.

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| **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  |
| Charging and Remissions Policies | A statement of the Academy’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 Directors relating to the performance management of staff and the annual report of the Executive head teacher on the effectiveness of appraisal procedures |
| Staff Conduct, Capability and Grievance | Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and capability of school staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance  |
| Pay Policy | Statement of the Academy’s policy regarding teachers’ pay including procedures for determining teachers’ grievances in relation to their pay.  |
| Staffing Structure Implementation Plan | The Academy’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, governing board or Board of Directors relating to the curriculum |
| Admissions Policy | Statement of the Academy’s policy on admissions |

**7. 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 the clerk, Sue Howard clerk@thelink.devon.sch.uk

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**](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

This Policy was reviewed by the Board of Directors on a 2-yearly cycle and must be signed by the Chair of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer.

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| Policy Reviewed: | September 2016 |
| Next Review: | Autumn Term 2018 |
| Signature of Chair of Directors: | Signature of Chief Executive Officer: |