



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION Guidance

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This is The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

The Board of Trustees 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 (FOIA) is that public authorities, including all maintained school and academies, should be clear and pro-active about the information they will make public.

This publication scheme commits **The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust** to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities.

This guidance gives examples of the kinds of information that the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) would expect academies to provide in order to meet their commitments under the model publication scheme.

The ICO would expect academies to make the information in this document available unless:

- We do not hold the information
- The information is exempt under one of the FOI exemptions or Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) or its release is prohibited under another statute;
- The information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or
- It would be impractical or resource-intensive to prepare the material for routine release

The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by schools within The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust

The scheme commits schools within the MAT:

- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by schools and falls within the classifications below.
- To specify the information which is held by the schools and falls within the classifications below.
- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme.
- To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public.
- To review and update on a regular basis the information the schools make available under this scheme.
- To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available.
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

2. Classes of information

2.1 Who we are and what we do

Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.

2.2 What we spend and how we spend it

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

2.3 What our priorities are and how we are doing

Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.

2.4 How we make decisions

Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.

2.5 Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

2.6 Lists and registers

Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the authority.

2.7 The services we offer

Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

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 The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available

The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

Where it is within the capability of the schools, information will be provided on their websites. 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, we will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.

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. Charges which may be made for information published under this scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the schools 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 Parliament.

Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred 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 the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

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 a public authority 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. Contact details

If you require a paper version of any information, or want to ask whether information is available please contact the relevant school by telephone, email, fax or letter.

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 relevant school to ask if we have it.