



Freedom of Information Publication Policy

Founded in pupils' rights and the school's aims and values

Gelliswick Mission Statement	Children's rights
<p>At Gelliswick we are privileged to be part of a learning community that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> values everyone, Provides hope, and contributes together, <p>to make every child's future better than they thought possible.</p>	<p>Article 2: non-discrimination & Article 3: best interests of the child Article 14: freedom of thought, belief and religion Article 18: parental responsibilities and state assistance Article 19: protection from violence, abuse and neglect Article 24: health and health services Article 28: right to education & Article 29: goals of education Article 31: leisure, play and culture Article 39: recovery from trauma and reintegration</p>
Gelliswick aims and values	
<p>We aim that all children and young people will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives. Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work. Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world. Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society. Safe, will know their rights and will be listened to. <p>That our school, working with the community, provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A safe, nurturing and inclusive environment that promotes Christian values and positive wellbeing. Authentic, exciting and inspiring learning experiences through which children acquire the values, skills and knowledge to be healthy, responsible and successful. A dynamic culture of enquiry, collaboration, innovation and exploration for all members of the school community. An expectation that we strive to do the best that we can, and to achieve more than we thought possible. 	

Review Schedule

Agreed as policy			
Name		Signature	Date
Governing Body	Yvonne Southwell (CoG)		
Head teacher	Nick Dyer		
Review of Policy			
Date for review		People responsible	
September 2024		Full GB Head Teacher	

Introduction

The Freedom of Information Policy contained within this document is that approved by the Governing Body under the terms of the Local Management of Schools as set out in the Education Acts and Statutory Instruments.

The policy will be modified as required from time to time in line with changes in legislation.

Policy

The policy for the school is that as set out in Section 3, Model Publication Scheme, of Circular No 09/2004 issued by the National Assembly for Wales dated 30 January 2004 and is based on the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The day-to-day operation of this policy is the responsibility of the Headteacher or in his/her absence the person acting in his/her place.

If the school has any queries regarding the supply of information requested contact will be made with the local authority Information Governance & Freedom of Information Officer.

This is Gelliswick Church in Wales VC Primary School's Publication Scheme

Our full title and address for sending requests for any documents is:

**Gelliswick Church in Wales VC Primary School
Gelliswick Road
Hakin
Milford Haven
Pembrokeshire
SA73 3RS**

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 either available for you electronically to download and print off or 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.

2. 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 5 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.
- ***Governors' Documents*** - information published in the Governors' Annual Report and in other governing body documents.
- ***Pupils & Curriculum*** - information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.
- ***School Policies*** - information about policies that relate to the school in general.

3. How to request information

You can request a copy of the information you want from the contact detailed below. If the information you're looking for isn't available via the scheme, you can still ask if we have it. You can contact the school by telephone, email or letter.

Telephone: 01646 692894

Email: admin.gelliswick@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Contact Address: Gelliswick Church in Wales VC Primary School
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To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence **"PUBLICATIONS SCHEME REQUEST"**. For requests for other information not specified in this document, please mark all correspondence **"INFORMATION REQUEST"**

4. Paying for information

Single copies of information covered by this publication scheme are provided free unless stated otherwise. 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 for a particular item this is indicated in the boxes in Section 5 by a £ sign following the description of the item. Please note that if the cost of publishing the required information is prohibitive (in excess of £450 as set by ICO) the request will not be dealt with. If a cost is to be incurred this is collected prior to information being provided.

5. 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 at the school's discretion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school.• Names of the head teacher and chair of governors.• The dates of the beginning and end of each school term, and of half-term holidays, for the next school year• School session times.• Summary of charging and remissions policies determined by the Governing Body of the school.• A curriculum statement, including a summary of its content, an explanation of how it is organised, and a description of the teaching methods used. The statement also includes information about the school's overall approach to Religion, Values and Ethics and to Relationships and Sexuality Education.• Details of any affiliations with a particular religion or religious denomination.• Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with additional learning needs.• Information about arrangements for dealing with formal complaints.• Use of the Welsh Language.• Information about the school's sporting aims and provision for sport• Information about policies with respect to equal opportunities• 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; and details of existing facilities to assist access to the school by pupils with disabilities.• Information about admissions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A statement of the school's ethos and values. • A description of arrangements made for the security of pupils and staff, and the premises. • Rates of pupils' authorised and unauthorised absences.
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Governors' Annual Report and other information relating to the governing body - this section sets out information published in the Governors Annual Report and in other Governing Body documents.

Class	Description
Governors' Annual Report	<p>The statutory contents of the governors' annual report to parents are as follows, (other items may be included at the school's discretion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details on how to request an Annual Parents' Meeting; and in the event of a meeting being held, the purpose of such a meeting and a report on the consideration given to any resolutions passed • Details of the governing body membership, including category of governor, election of parent governors (as appropriate), by whom appointed (if appointed), names of governors, terms of office and name and address of chair and clerk. • Summary of provision for pupils to participate in sport and provision for extra-curricular sports activity • A financial statement, including the sum made available by the LA, gifts made to the school and amounts paid to governors for expenses. • Steps taken to develop links with the community • A summary of any review of school policies • The dates of the beginning and end of each school term, and of half-term holidays, for the next school year • A summary of any changes to the school prospectus in the last year • A statement of the curriculum and organisation of education and teaching methods at the school, including any special arrangements • Information about the implementation of the governing body's policy on pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) and any changes to the policy during the last year. • The language category of the school and the use of the Welsh language • A brief statement on the provision of toilet facilities for pupils, and arrangements for cleaning these facilities • A statement on progress in implementing the action plan drawn up following an inspection (as appropriate). • the accessibility plan covering future policies for increasing access by those with disabilities to the school • number of pupils on roll and rates of and targets for pupils' authorised and unauthorised absence.
Instrument of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the school. • The category of the school. • The name of the governing body. • The manner in which the governing body is constituted. • The name of any person entitled to appoint any category of governor. • The date the instrument takes effect.
Minutes of meeting of the Governing Body and its committees	Minutes from school governors and committee meetings

Pupils & Curriculum Policies - this section gives access to information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.

Class	Description
Home - school agreement	Written 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 Curriculum for Wales, including any syllabus followed by pupils at the school.
Sex Education Policy	Written statement of policy with regard to Relationships and Sexuality Education.
Collective Worship	Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship.
Pupil Discipline	Written statement of general principles in relation to behaviour and relationships policy, and including any anti bullying policy as appropriate.

School Policies - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to the school in general.

Class	Description
Reports of Estyn School Inspections under Sections 10 and 23 of the School Inspections Act 1996	Report of an inspection of the school and the summary of the report.
Post Inspection action plan	A plan setting out the actions required following an Estyn inspection.
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 of which charges are permitted, for example music tuition, trips.
School session times	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays.
Additional Learning Needs	Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with additional learning needs.
Accessibility Plans	Written plan of improvements to access for pupils with disabilities.
Health and Safety Policy	Written 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.
Child Protection Policy	Statement of general principles on Safeguarding and Child Protection arrangements.
Complaints procedure	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints.
Staff Appraisal	Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to staff appraisal.
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.

6. 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 need to make a complaint then initially this should be addressed to The Head Teacher.

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 545 745

E-mail: publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk