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Northern House School Academy Trust

**FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION  
POLICY  
(INCLUDING  
PUBLICATION SCHEME)**

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### Freedom of Information Act 2000

*The MAT Board 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 in paper form.

Some information which we hold may not be made public, for example personal information. There are clear exemptions to the requirement to produce information on demand, so as to protect confidential/sensitive/personal data, for example about children or members of staff.

This publication scheme conforms to the model scheme for schools approved by the Information Commissioner.

#### 2. Aims and Objectives

The school aims:

- to provide a caring, disciplined and challenging environment that stimulates the intellectual, emotional, physical, moral and spiritual growth of the pupils;
- to enable each child, whatever their ability, to recognise their own worth and to accept their responsibilities to society;
- to provide a broad and stimulating curriculum based on the National Curriculum, which seeks to develop lively, inquiring minds, and enables children to understand the society in which they live;

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- to nurture those basic skills and concepts which are necessary for future education and development;
- to encourage self-confidence, self-discipline and self-motivation so that children may become self-reliant in their learning;
- to enable children to strive for excellence.

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:

*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 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 email or telephone. Contact details are set out below.

Email: [fbm@northernhouse.org.uk](mailto:fbm@northernhouse.org.uk)

Tel: 0121 748 9760

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 you can still contact the school to ask if we have it.

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## 5. Paying for information

Single copies of information covered by this publication are provided free unless stated otherwise in section 6. 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 this will be indicated by a £ sign in the description box.

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## 1. Classes of Information Currently Published

School Website –This section sets out specific information published on the school website, in accordance with the School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012

Class	Description
Specified information on school website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The name, postal address and telephone number of the school, and the name of a person to whom enquiries should be addressed.</li> <li>2. Either—               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the determined admission arrangements for the school in relation to each relevant age group at the school, including any arrangements for selection, any oversubscription criteria and an explanation of the process of applying for a school place; or</li> <li>(b) information as to where and by what means parents may access that information in the local authority’s composite prospectus published on their website.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Information as to where and by what means parents may access the most recent report about the school published by her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills.</li> <li>4. The school’s most recent key stage 2 and key stage 4 results as published by the Secretary of State under the following column headings in the School Performance Tables published on the Department for Education’s website:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) “% achieving Level 4 or above in English and Maths”;</li> <li>(b) “% making expected progress”;</li> <li>(c) in relation to English, “% achieving Level 5 or above”; and</li> <li>(d) in relation to Maths, “% achieving Level 5 or above”.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Information as to where and by what means parents may access the School Performance Tables published by the Secretary of State on the Department for Education’s website.</li> <li>6. The following information about the school curriculum—               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in relation to each academic year, the content of the curriculum followed by the school for each subject and details as to how additional information relating to the curriculum may be obtained;</li> <li>(b) in relation to key stage 1, the names of any phonics or reading schemes in Operation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. The measures determined by the head teacher under section 89 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (determination by head teacher of behaviour policy).</li> <li>8. The amount of the school’s allocation from the Pupil Premium grant in respect of the current academic year; details of how it is intended that the allocation will be spent; details of how the previous academic year’s allocation was spent, and the effect of this expenditure on the educational attainment of those pupils at the school in respect of whom grant funding was allocated.</li> </ol>

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	<p>9. The report prepared by the school under section 317(5)(a) of EA 1996 (duties of governing bodies in relation to special educational needs).</p> <p>10. The school's charging and remissions policy determined by them under section 457 of EA 1996.</p> <p>11. A statement of the school's ethos and values.</p>
	<p>12. The Academy's most recent financial accounts</p> <p>13. The Academy's Articles of Association</p> <p>14. The Academy's funding agreement.</p>
Instrument of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The name of the school</li> <li>• The category of the school</li> <li>• The name of the governing body</li> <li>• The manner in which the governing body is constituted</li> <li>• The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years</li> <li>• The name of any body entitled to appoint any category of governor</li> <li>• Details of any trust</li> <li>• If the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos</li> <li>• The date the instrument takes effect</li> </ul>
Minutes of meeting of the governing body and its committees	Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees [ <i>current and last full academic school year</i> ]

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

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 Education 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

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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

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<sup>1</sup> Some information might be confidential or otherwise exempt from the publication by law – we cannot therefore publish this

Child Protection Policy	Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school.
Pupil Discipline	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the head teacher to prevent bullying.