



## Dewstow Primary School

'Together we learn, together we grow'

### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy

#### *This is Dewstow's Publication Scheme*

*The Governing Body is responsible for the 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. 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', 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, fax, email, or letter.

Email: [dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Tel: 01291 636360

Contact Address: Mrs E Bain, Headteacher, Dewstow Primary School, Woodland View, Caldicot Monmouthshire. NP26 4EE

To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence "**PUBLICATIONS SCHEME REQUEST**" (in bold **CAPITALS**).

### **4. 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. 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, we will let you know the cost before fulfilling your request. The present cost is 25p per sheet. 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.

### **5. Classes of Information Currently Published**

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

Class	Description
<b>School Prospectus</b>	<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"> <li>• the name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school</li> <li>• the names of the headteacher and chair of governor.</li> <li>• information about admissions</li> <li>• a statement of the school's ethos and values</li> <li>• details of any affiliations with a particular religion or religious denomination, the religious education provided.</li> <li>• information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with additional learning needs.</li> <li>• use of the Welsh Language.</li> </ul>

**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
<b>Governors' Annual Report</b>	<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"> <li>• details of the governing body membership, including name and address of chair and clerk</li> <li>• a statement on progress in implementing the action plan drawn up following an inspection.</li> <li>• a financial statement, including gifts made to the school and amounts paid to governors for expenses.</li> <li>• information about the implementation of the governing body's policy on pupils additional learning needs (ALN) and any changes to the policy during the last year</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• the accessibility plan covering future policies for increasing access by</li> </ul>

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	<p>those with disabilities to the school (<i>from April 2004</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how teachers' professional development impacts on teaching and learning.</li> <li>• number of pupils on roll and rates of pupils' authorised and unauthorised absence.</li> </ul>
<b>Instrument of Government</b>	<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 name of any person 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 of the school.</li> <li>• the date the instrument takes effect.</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes of meeting of the Governing Body and its committees</b>	<p>Minutes from governors' board and committee meetings (Some information might be confidential or otherwise exempt from the publication by law - we cannot therefore publish these).</p>

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Home - school agreement</b>	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.
<b>Relationships and Sexual Education Policy</b>	Written statement of policy with regard to sex education.
<b>Collective Worship</b>	Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship.
<b>Pupil Discipline</b>	Written statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline including any anti bullying policy as appropriate.

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Reports of Estyn School Inspections under Sections 10 and 23 of the School Inspections Act 1996</b>	Report of an inspection of the school and the summary of the report.
<b>Post Inspection action plan</b>	A plan setting out the actions required following an Estyn inspection.
<b>Charging and remissions policies</b>	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.
<b>School session times</b>	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays.
<b>Additional Learning Needs Policy</b>	Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with additional learning needs.
<b>Accessibility Plans</b>	Written plan of improvements to access for pupils with disabilities ( <i>from April 2004</i> ).
<b>Health and Safety Policy</b>	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.
<b>Safeguarding Policy</b>	Statement of general principles on Safeguarding arrangements ( <i>from March 2004</i> ).
<b>Complaints procedure</b>	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints.
<b>Staff Appraisal</b>	Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to staff appraisal.
<b>Staff Conduct, Discipline and Grievance</b>	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 headteacher**.

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](mailto:publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk)**

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