

Amendments made since last review May 2018 - No changes during review February 2020 – Curriculum policy changed to Curriculum Statement		
Policy agreed / reviewed 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Next review due Spring 2024	
Signed on behalf of the Governing Body	Signed by headteacher	

# **Freedom of Information Act**

This is the publication scheme for Longton Lane Primary School.

Our full title and address for sending requests for any documents is: Longton Lane Primary School Longton Lane Rainhill L35 8PB

The person responsible for maintenance of this scheme is: the headteacher

# 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. Aims and Objectives

The school aims to:

- give children an excellent start in education so that they have a better foundation for learning;
- enable all young people to develop and equip themselves with the skills, knowledge and personal qualities needed for life and work

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 to the Governors from the Headteacher and in other
	Governing Body documents.
Pupils and Curriculum:	Information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.
School Policies:	Information about policies that relate to the school in general.

# 4. 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: longtonlane@sthelens.org.uk

Telephone: 01744678343

Fax: 01744678349

Contact Address: see above (Please mark PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST)

### 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.

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.

#### 6. Classes of Information Currently Published

#### **School Prospectus:**

This section sets out information published in the school prospectus.

	Description
School	A range of information about Longton Lane Primary School.
Prospectus	

#### Information relating to the Governing Body:

This section sets out information published in Governing Body documents.

	Description
Instrument of Governance	<ul> <li>The name and category of the school.</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>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 <sup>1</sup> of Meeting of the GB and its Committees	Minutes from Governors' Board and Committee meetings [current and last full school year].

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

#### Pupils and Curriculum Policies:

This section gives access to information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum.

	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 Statement	Statement on following the policy for national curriculum subjects, including any syllabus followed by pupils at the school.
Sex and Relationship Education Policy	Written 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.
Equality Scheme	Statement of policy for promoting equality
Assembly, Collective Worship and Reflection policy	Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship.
Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy	Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school.
Behaviour Policy	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.

	Description
Published reports	Report of an inspection of the school and the summary of the report.
of Ofsted	
referring to the	
school	
Charging and	A statement of the school's policy with respect to charges and remissions for any
Remissions	optional extra or board and lodging of which charges are permitted, for example
Policies	music tuition, trips.
School Session	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays.
Times and Dates	
Health and Safety	Written statement of general policy with respect to health and safety at work of
Policy and risk	employees (and others) and the organisation and arrangements for carrying out
assessments	the policy.
Complaints	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints.
Procedure	
Staff Appraisal	Statement of procedures adopted by the Governing Body relating to staff appraisal.
Staff Conduct,	Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and discipline of school staff and
Discipline and	procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance.
Grievance	
Pay Policy	Statement of the school's policy regarding teachers' pay including procedures for
	determining teachers' grievances in relation to their pay.
Admissions	Statement of the school's policy on admissions (LA document)
Policy	
Curriculum	Any statutory instrument, departmental circulars and administrative memoranda
Circulars and	sent by the Department of Education and Skills to the Head Teacher or
Statutory	Governing Body relating to the curriculum.
Instruments	

# 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 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 Office of the Information Commissioner. 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

Email: data@dataprotection.gov.uk