

Freedom of Information: Publication Scheme

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Wessex Learning Trust Publication Scheme

This guide will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees annually.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities including schools, as such this guide demonstrates how we comply with our statutory duty to provide information, and how members of the public can access this information.
- 1.2 This guide is based on work completed by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO)¹

2. Publication Scheme

Who we are and what we do:

| Information to be | How the information can be obtained | Cost |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| published | | |
| Who's on the Local | Trust: | Information freely |
| Governing Bodies (LGB), | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/governance/ | available on websites |
| and the Board of Trustees | Our Schools: Available on individual school websites | |
| and the basis of their | | |
| appointment | | |
| Scheme of | Trust: | Information freely |
| Governance/Articles of | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/statutory- | available on websites |
| Association | publishing/ | |
| Contact details for the key | Trust: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/contact/ | Information freely |
| personnel | Our Schools: Available on individual school websites | available on websites |
| School Prospecti (where | Contact Schools Directly | Freely available from |
| applicable) | | schools |
| Annual Report (Trust) | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/statutory- | Information freely |
| | publishing/ | available on Trust |
| | | website (applicable for |
| | | all schools) |
| Staffing Structure | Trust: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/our- | Information freely |
| | team/ | available on websites |
| | Our Schools: Available on individual school websites | |
| School session times and | Available on individual school websites | Information freely |
| term dates | | available on websites |
| Addresses and contact | Trust: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/contact/ | Information freely |
| details, including email | Our Schools: Available on individual school websites | available on websites |
| address | (Also available in the appendix to this document) | |

¹ What information do we need to publish http://ico.org.uk/for organisations/freedom of information/guide/publication scheme

What we spend and how we spend it:

| Information to be published | How the information can be obtained | Cost |
|--|--|---|
| Annual budget plan and financial statements | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | Price on Asking (POA) |
| Capital funding | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| Financial audit reports | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| Details of expenditure items over £2000 | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| Procurement and contracts the school has entered into, or information relating to a link to information held by an organisation which has done so on its behalf (for example, a local authority or diocese). | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| Pay Policy | Available via the Trust Website: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | Information freely available on Trust website |
| | | (applicable for all schools) |
| Staff allowances and | Available via the Trust Website (Finance Policy): | Information freely available |
| expenses that can be | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | on Trust website |
| incurred or claimed | | (applicable for all schools) |
| Staffing, pay and grading | Available via the Trust Website (Pay Policy?): | Information freely available |
| structure. | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | on Trust website |
| | | (applicable for all schools) |
| Governors' allowances that | Available via the Trust Website (Finance Policy): | Information freely available |
| can be incurred or claimed | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | on Trust website |
| | | (applicable for all schools) |

What our priorities are and how we are doing:

| Information to be published | How the information can be obtained | Cost |
|--|--|--|
| School/Trust profile and in all cases: Performance data supplied by the government, or a direct link to the data The latest Ofsted - Summary - Full report Post-inspection action plan | Available via the Trust/Schools websites. Also available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted | Information freely available on websites |
| Performance management policy and procedures adopted by the governing body. | Contact Schools Directly | POA |
| The Trust/school's future plans | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |

| Safeguarding and child | Available via the Trust website: | Information freely |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| protection policies | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | available on Trust |
| | | website (applicable for |
| | | all schools) |

How we make decisions:

| Information to be published | How the information can be obtained | Cost |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Admissions | Available on the Trust website: | Information freely |
| arrangements/policy/decisions | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/statutory- | available on websites |
| (not individual admission | publishing/ | |
| decisions) – where applicable | Also available on schools websites | |
| Agendas and minutes of | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| meetings of the Governing | | |
| Body/Board of Trustees and its | | |
| committees. (NB this will | | |
| exclude information that is | | |
| properly regarded as private to | | |
| the meetings) | | |

Our policies and procedures:

All Trust policies are freely available via our website: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ and https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/statutory-publishing/

Key Examples include:

| Information to be published | How the information can be obtained | Cost |
|---|---|---|
| Records management and personal data policies, including: • Data protection (including information sharing policies) • Information security policies • Records retention, destruction and archive policies | Available on the Trust website: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | Information freely available on Trust website (applicable for all schools) |
| Equality and diversity policies | Available on the Trust website: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/statutory-publishing/ | Information freely available on Trust website (applicable for all schools) |
| Policies and procedures for the recruitment of staff | Available on the Trust website: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | Information freely available on Trust website (applicable for all schools) |
| Charging and remissions policy | Available on the Trust website: https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | Information freely available on Trust website (applicable for all schools) |

List and Registers:

| Information to be published | How the information can be obtained | Cost |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Disclosure logs | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| Asset register | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| Any information the school is | Contact Schools/Trust Directly | POA |
| currently legally required to hold in | | |
| publicly available registers | | |

The services we offer:

| Information to be published | How the information can be obtained | Cost |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Extra-curricular activities | Contact Schools/Available on school websites | Information freely available |
| Out of School Clubs | Contact Schools/Available on school websites | Information freely available |
| Services for which the | See Charging and Remissions policy, available on | Information freely available |
| school is entitled to recover | the Trust website: | on Trust website (applicable |
| a fee, together with those | https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/about/policies/ | for all schools) |
| fees | | · |
| School publications, leaflets, | Contact Schools/Available on school websites | Information freely available |
| books and newsletters | | |

Schedule of Charges

| Type of Charge | Description | Basis of Charge |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Disbursement cost: | Photocopying/printing (black and white) – POA | Actual cost |
| | Photocopying/printing (colour) – POA | Actual cost |
| | Postage | Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd Class |