

Freedom of Information Policy



This is The Co-operative Academy Publication Scheme on information available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The governing body 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 academies, 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.

2. Aims and Objectives

The academy aims to:

- develop the values of fairness, ambition and respect
- enable every child to fulfil their learning potential, with education that meets the needs of each child
- help every child develop the qualifications, skills, knowledge and personal qualities needed for life and work

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 and 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:

Academy Prospectus - information published in the academy prospectus

Governors' documents - information published in the Governors' Annual Report and in other governing body documents

Students & Curriculum - information about policies that relate to student and the academy curriculum

Academy Policies and other information related to the academy - information about policies that relate to the academy in general.



4. How to request information

If you require a paper version of any of the documents within the scheme, please contact the academy telephone, email, fax or letter. Contact details are set out below, or you can visit our website at http://www.cam.coop

Tel: 0161 795 3005 Fax: 0161 702 3324

Contact Address: Plant Hill Road, Higher Blackley, Manchester M9 0WQ

To help us process your request quickly, please mark any correspondence "PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST" (in CAPITALS please)

If the information you're looking for isn't available via the scheme and isn't on our website, you can still contact the academy to ask if we have it.

5. Paying for information

Information published on our website is free, although you may incur costs from our 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 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.

6. Classes of Information Currently Published

Academy Prospectus - this section sets out information published in the academy prospectus

Class	Description
Academy Prospectus	The statutory contents of the academy prospectus are as follows, (other items may be included in the prospectus at the academy's discretion:
	 The name, address and telephone number of the academy The names of the principal and chair of governors Information on the policy and admissions A statement of the ethos and values Information about the academy's policy on providing for students with additional educational needs GCSE/BTEC results in the academy, locally and nationally A summary of GCE A/AS level and BTEC (National) results in the academy and nationally The arrangements for visits to the academy by prospective parents The number of places for students of normal age of entry in the preceding academy year and the number of written applications / preferences expressed for those places.



Class	Description
Governors' Annual Report	The statutory contents of the governors' annual report to parents are as follows, (other items may be included in the annual report at the academy's discretion:
	 A description of the arrangements for the admission of students with disabilities; details of steps to prevent disabled students being treated less favourably than other students; details of existing facilities to assist access to the academy by students with disabilities; the accessibility plan covering future policies for increasing access by those with disability to the academy A statement of policy on whole staff development identifying how teachers' professional development impacts on teaching and learning Number of students on roll and rates of students' authorised and unauthorised absence National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stages, with national summary figures GCSE/BTEC results in the academy, locally and nationally GCE A/AS and vocational qualification results in the academy and nationally
	 The number of students studying for and percentage achieving other vocational qualifications The destinations of academy leavers¹ A statement of the extent to which proposals in the post-inspection action plan have been carried into effect
Instrument of Government	 The name of the academy The category of the academy The name of the governing body The manner in which the governing body is constituted The term of office of each category of governor if less than 4 years The name of any body entitled to appoint any category of governor Details of any trust If the academy has a religious character, a description of the ethos The date of the instrument takes effect
Minutes ¹ of meeting of the governing body and its committees	Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees (current and last full academic academy year)

 $^{^{1}}$ Some information might be confidential or otherwise exempt from the publication by law - we cannot therefore publish this

Student & Curriculum Policies - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to students and the academy curriculum

Class	Description		
Home-	Statement of the academy's aims and values, the academy's		
academy	responsibilities, the parental responsibilities and the academy's		
agreement	expectations of its students for example homework arrangements		
Curriculum	Statement on following the policy for the secular curriculum subjects and		
Policy	religious education and schemes of work and syllabuses currently used		
	by the academy		
Sex Education	Statement of policy with regard to sex and relationship education		



Policy	
Additional Education Needs Policy	Information about the academy's policy and providing for students with additional educational needs
Accessibility Plans	Plan for increasing participation of disabled students in the academy's curriculum, improving the accessibility of the physical environment and improving delivery of information to disabled students.
Race Equality Policy	Statement of policy for promoting race equality
Collective Worship	Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship
Careers Education Policy	Statement of the programmes of careers education
Child Protection Policy	Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of students at the academy
Student Discipline	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the principal to prevent bullying

Academy Policies and other information related to the academy - This section gives access to information about policies that relate to the academy in general.

Description
Published report of the last inspection of the academy and the summary
of the report and where appropriate inspection reports of religious
education in those academies designated as having a religious character
A plan setting out the actions required following the last Ofsted inspection
and where appropriate an action plan following inspection of religious
education where the academy is designated as having a religious
character
A statement of the academy's policy with respect to charges and
remissions for any optional extra or board and lodging for which charges
are permitted, for example academy publications, music tuition, trips
Details of academy session and dates of academy terms and holidays
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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
Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints
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Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to the
performance management of staff and the annual report of the principal
on the effectiveness of appraisal procedures
Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and discipline of academy
staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance
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Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Any statutory instruments, departmental circulars and administrative memoranda sent by the Department of Education to the principal or governing body relating to the curriculum
Annex A - Other documents	Annex A provides a list of policies that are held by the academy and are available on request

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 wish to make a complaint then initially this should be addressed to: The Principal, The Cooperative Academy of Manchester, Plant Hill Road, Higher Blackley, Manchester M9 0WQ or, alternatively, to the Chair of Governors, c/o the academy address.

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 ensure compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that deals with formal complaints

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 Website: <u>www.ico.gov.uk</u>

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.

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The Governing Body will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.

Adopted by the Co-operative Academy on	18 th June 2015	
Chair of Governors	B. S. Groorke.	
Principal	DES	
Review date	June 2017	

Annex A



THE CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMY OF MANCHESTER POLICY DOCUMENTS

Policy				
Finance & General Purpose Committee				
16 - 19 Bursary Policy	Fire Evacuation Procedures Policy			
Admissions Policy & arrangements (MCC policy)	First Aid Policy			
Anti-Bribery Policy	Food & Academy Meals Policy			
Anti-Fraud Policy	Health & Safety Policy			
Charging and Remission Policy	Lettings Policy			
Crisis Management Policy	Medical Treatment Policy			
Data Protection Act	Risk Management Policy			
Drugs & Alcohol Policy	Risk Management Matrix			
Educational Visits Policy	Shared Gifts and Hospitality Policy			
Emergency Procedures Policy	Transport Policy			
Employee Travel Expenses Policy	Travel Plan Policy			
Financial Regulations Manual	Traver rain oney			
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HR Curriculum Committee				
	Freedom of Information Policy			
Academy Day Policy Acceptable Network Usage and Social Networking Policy	Homework Policy			
Access Arrangements for Exams Policy	ICT & Acceptable Use Policy			
Access to Student Records Policy	Literacy Policy			
Allegations of abuse against staff (CAT)	Managing Staff Attendance Policy			
Anti-bullying Policy	Marking Policy			
Appearance & Dress Code Policy	Pay Policy (Teachers) (CAT Policy)			
Assessment Recording Report Policy	Performance Management Policy – Support Staff			
Attendance & Punctuality Policy	Performance Management Policy – Teaching Staff (CAT)			
Behaviour, Rewards & Sanctions (including exclusions) Policy	Pay Policy – Teaching Staff (CAT)			
Capability Procedure (CAT)	Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Policy Education			
CEIAG Policy	Professional Code of Conduct Policy			
Child Protection and Associated Training	Quality Assurance & Dept Self-Evaluation Policy			
Communication with Parents including Home-Academy Agreement	Race Equality Policy			
Policy				
Complaints Procedure Policy	Restrictive Physical Intervention Policy			
Continuous Professional Development Policy	Right to request Flexible Working Policy (CAT)			
Controlled Assessment Policy	Safeguarding Children & Promoting Student Welfare Policy			
Risk Assessment Appendix for above	Safer Recruitment Policy			
Cover Policy	SEN & Inclusion Policy			
DBS Policy	Sex & Relationship Education Policy			
Dignity at Work Policy	Staff Code of Conduct (CAT)			
Disability Statement Policy	Staff Grievance Procedures			
Discipline, Grievance and Related Issues Policy (MCC Policy)	Staff Induction Policy			
Diversity and Inclusion Policy (CAT)	Student Induction Policy			
Emergency evacuation of an examination room	Trade Union Recognition & Facility Agreement (CAT)			
Equal Opportunities for Staff Policy	Uniform Policy			
Equal Opportunities for Students Policy	Whistle-Blowing Policy (CAT)			
Exams Policy	, ,			
Community Engagement				
Community & Business Links Policy				
Stakeholder Policy				
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