

**BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
SCHOOL AND MUSIC COLLEGE**



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
POLICY**

Updated: January 2013
Policy duration: 3 years
Committee: SLT

The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated below when used hereinafter within this policy:

- a) 'Trustees' refers to the registered trustees of the Coventry Blue Coat Church of England School Foundation, registered charity number 511793
- b) 'Academy trust' refers to the holding body of the Academy namely, Blue Coat Church of England Academy Ltd, registered company number 7594562
- c) 'Blue Coat School' refers to the physical entity of Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College
- d) Any reference to either 'the school' or 'the Academy' contained within this policy is taken to refer to the appropriate given body within context

Assessment of Policy's Impact

The effectiveness of this policy and its impact will be assessed by the SLT Committee who will monitor the outcomes and impact of this policy every 3 years. The evidence base for assessment will be presented as agenda items at the SLT Committee meetings.

On information available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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 have produced 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.

Categories of Information published

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.

How to request information

If you require a paper version of any of the documents within the scheme, please contact the school by telephone, email, fax or letter. Contact details are set out below.

Email: admin@bluecoatceschool.org
 Tel: 02476 223542
 Fax: 02476 550927
 Contact Address: **Coventry Blue Coat Church of England School**
Terry Road, Coventry, CV1 2BA

To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence “**PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST**”

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.

Classes of Information Currently Published

School Prospectus – this section sets our information published in the school prospectus.

Class	Description
School Prospectus	The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows, (Other items may be included in the prospectus at the school’s discretion): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school • The names of the head teacher and chair of governors • Information on the school policy on admissions • A statement of the school’s ethos and values • Details of any affiliations with a particular religion or religious denomination, the religious education provided, parents’ right to withdraw their child from religious education and collective worship and the alternative provision for those pupils • Information about the school’s policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs • Number of pupils on roll and rates of pupils’ authorised and unauthorised absences • National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stages, with national summary figures • GCSE/GNVQ results in the school, locally and nationally • A summary of GCE A/AS level results in the school and nationally • The number of pupils studying for and percentage achieving

	<p>other vocational qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The destinations of school leavers¹ • The arrangements for visits to the school by prospective parents • The number of places for pupils of normal age or entry in the preceding school year and the number of written applications / preferences expressed for those places
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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
Governors' Annual Report	<p>The statutory contents of the governors' annual report to parents are as follows, (other items may be included in the annual report at the school's discretion) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of the governing body membership, including name and address of chair and clerk • A statement on progress in implementing the action plan drawn up following an inspection • A financial statement, including gifts made to the school and amounts paid to governors for expenses • A description of the school's arrangements for security of pupils, staff and the premises • Information about the implementation of the governing body's policy on pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and any changes to the policy during the last year • 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; details of existing facilities to assist access to the school by pupils with disabilities; the accessibility plan covering future policies for increasing access by those with disabilities to the school • A statement of policy on whole staff development identifying how teachers' professional development impacts on teaching and learning • Number of pupils on roll and rates of pupils' authorised and unauthorised absence • National Curriculum assessment results for appropriate Key Stages, with national summary figures • GCSE/GNVQ results in the school, locally and nationally • GCE A/AS and vocational qualification results in the school and nationally • The number of pupils studying for and percentage achieving other vocational qualifications • The destinations of school leavers² • A statement of the extent to which proposals in the post – inspection action plan have been carried into effect
Instrument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the school

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

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of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The category of the school • 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 school has a religious character, a description of the ethos • The date the instrument takes place
Minutes of meeting of the governing body and its committees	Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees (<i>current 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
Whole School 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
Accessibility Policy	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
Education and Inclusion Policy (includes Race Equality Statement)	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 provided for Key 4
Child Protection Policy	Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school. (<i>from March 2004</i>)
Code of Conduct &	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the head teacher to prevent bullying

Behaviour Policy	
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School Policies and other information related to the school – this section gives access to information about policies that relate to the school in general.

Class	Description
Published Reports of Ofsted referring expressly to the school	Published report of the last inspection of the school and the summary of the report and where appropriate inspection reports of religious education in those schools designated as having a religious character
Post-Ofsted inspection action plan	A plan setting out the actions required following the last Ofsted inspection and the action plan following inspection of religious education
Charging and Remissions Policies	A statement of the school's policy with respect to charges and remissions for any optional extra or board and lodging for which charges are permitted, for example school publications, music tuition, trips
School session times and term dates	Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays
Health and Safety Policy and Risk assessment	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
Complaints procedure	Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints
Performance Management of Staff	Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to the performance management of staff and the annual report of the head teacher on the effectiveness of appraisal procedures
Staff Conduct, Discipline and Grievance	Statement of procedure for regulating conduct and discipline of school staff and procedures by which staff may seek redress for grievance
Curriculum circulars and statutory instruments	Any statutory instruments, departmental circulars and administrative memoranda sent by the Department of Education and Skills to the head teacher or governing body relating to the curriculum

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 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 545 700

Email: publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk

Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk