

St. Joseph's RC High School
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Our full title and address for sending requests for any documents is: The Headteacher, St. Joseph's RC High School, Pencarn Way, Tredegar Park, Newport NP10 8XH or e-mail : sjhs.newport.sch.uk.

The person responsible for maintenance of this scheme is: Mark Rowland, Business Manager.

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 for you on our website to download and print off.**

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'. These are 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 **and isn't on our website**, you can still ask if we have it. You can contact the school by telephone, email or letter.

Email: sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Tel: 01633 653110

Contact Address: The Headteacher, St. Joseph's RC High School, Pencarn Way, Tredegar Park, Newport. NP10 8XH.

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

Under the Act we have to respond to all FoIA requests within a 20 working day period. The school aim to comply with this requirement in all cases. If not, the school will write to the individual whom has made the formal request and indicate the reason for being unable to meet this requirement and confirm the anticipated date when the school will be in a position to provide the information e.g. meeting this requirement may not always be possible during the summer holiday period.

4. Paying for information

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, 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 for a particular item this is indicated in the boxes in Section 5 by a £ sign following the description of the item.

The School is allowed to charge for the cost of photocopying documents and postage but not for the staff time spent answering the request.

The School is not required to provide information if answering the request would cost over £450, equivalent to 18 hours of work, so it may be necessary to refine requests to fall within these limits.

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.

5. Classes of Information Currently Published

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

The statutory contents of the school prospectus are as follows, (other items may be included at the school's discretion):

- the name, address and telephone number of the school, and the type of school.
- the names of the Headteacher and Chair of Governors.
- information about 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.
- use of the Welsh Language.
- 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 other vocational qualifications.
- the destinations of school leavers.

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.

Governors' Annual Report

The statutory contents of the governors' annual report to parents are as follows, (other items may be included at the school's discretion):

- 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.
- information about school security.
- 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; and 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.
- 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.
- the school's targets for Key Stage 2/Key Stage 3 assessments.
- the school's targets for public examinations at Key Stage 4.
- 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 leavers.
- the name of the school.
- the category of the school.
- the name of the governing body.
- the manner in which the governing body is constituted.
- the name of any person entitled to appoint any category of governor.
- details of any trust.
- if the school has a religious character, a description of the ethos of the school.
- the date the instrument takes effect.

minutes from Governing Body and sub-committee meetings – hard copies available on request.

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

Curriculum Policy - Statement on following the policy for national curriculum subjects, including any syllabus followed by pupils at the school.

Sex and Relationships Education Policy - Written statement of policy with regard to sex education.

Collective Worship - Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship.

Pupil Discipline - Written statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline including any anti bullying policy as appropriate.

Careers Education - Statement of the programmes of careers education provided for Key Stage 4.

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

Reports of Estyn School Inspections under Sections 10 and 23 of the School Inspections Act 1996
Report of an inspection of the school and the summary of the report.

Post Inspection action plan - A plan setting out the actions required following an Estyn inspection.

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 of which charges are permitted, for example music tuition, trips.

School session times - Details of school session and dates of school terms and holidays.

Special Education Needs - Information about the school's policy on providing for pupils with special educational needs.

Accessibility Plans - Written plan of improvements to access for pupils with disabilities.

Health and Safety Policy - 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.

Child Protection Policy - Statement of general principles on Child Protection arrangements.

Complaints procedure - Statement of procedures for dealing with complaints.

Staff Appraisal - Statement of procedures adopted by the governing body relating to staff appraisal.

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.

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, St. Joseph's RC High School, Pencarn Way, Tredegar Park, Newport. NP10 8XH or e-mail : sjhs.newport.sch.uk (and mark for the attention of 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 initially to the Chair of Governors who will contact you / respond in writing within 7 days or failing this, 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**

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