



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME -

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This is the Gosden House School Publication Scheme on information available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This publication scheme conforms to the model scheme for schools approved by the Information Commissioner.

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 all maintained schools, should be clear and proactive about the format in which the information will be made available.

To do this we must produce a publication scheme, setting out:

- *the classes of information which we publish or intend to publish;*
- *the format in which the information will be made available and*
- *whether the information is available free of charge or on payment.*

The scheme covers information already published and information that is to be published in the future. All information in our publication scheme is available in paper form obtainable from the school.

Some information, which we hold, may not be made public, for example - personal information.

2. Aims of Our School

It is our aim at Gosden House to create a happy, caring and inclusive learning environment where all members of the school community have the opportunity to develop in confidence to their full potential within a setting in which they feel valued and equipped for the next steps on the road to lifelong learning.' We will do this by:

- fostering respect for one another, the school environment and the local community.
- having high expectations of both behaviour and achievement in all areas.
- striving to ensure equal opportunity for everyone, regardless of gender, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, beliefs and intellectual and physical ability.
- using a variety of teaching methods to deliver the Foundation Stage Curriculum and the National Curriculum.

- allowing learners to engage in a range of practical and meaningful tasks that address different learning styles.
- encouraging 'risk' taking, promoting independent learning thereby accepting some responsibility for their own progress.
- striving to develop positive home/school links and actively involving parents in the life and work of the school.
- liaising with local schools and the community as a whole.
- taking all opportunities to develop positively.

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 in the School Profile and in other governing body documents.

Pupils & Curriculum – information about policies that relate to pupils and the school curriculum including references to pupil records and incident logs.

School Policies and other information related to the school - information about policies that relate to the school in general.

4. 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.

tel: **01483 892008**

e-mail: **info@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk**

address: **Gosden House School, Horsham Road, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0AH**

To help us process your request quickly, please clearly mark any correspondence

"FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST" (in CAPITALS please)

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

5. 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 considerable amount of photocopying or printing (20 or more copies), 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

Gosden House Folder – information sent with the letter offering a place. Timing depends on guidance from Surrey County Council.

Class	Description
Gosden House Folder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name, address, website and telephone number of the school, and the type of school the name of the head teacher school term dates, times, attendance and punctuality staff and governors uniform

The School Profile and other information relating to the governing body–

This section sets out information published in the School Profile and in other governing body documents.

Instrument of Government and Constitution Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 A description of the ethos The date the instrument takes effect
Minutes¹ of meeting of the governing body and its committees	Agreed minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees [<i>current and last full academic 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
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
RE Policy	Information on the school’s policy and the right of parents to withdraw children.

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

Policy for Responding to Parents' Concerns	Outlines how we aim to establish and promote close relationships with parents and gives guidance on the procedure to follow should a parent wish to raise a concern. The Surrey County Council leaflet 'Responding to Parents' Concerns' is available for parents in governors' corner in the entrance hall.
Accessibility Plans	Plan for 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 Policy	Statement of policy for promoting equality
Collective Worship	Statement of arrangements for the required daily act of collective worship
Child Protection Policy	Statement of policy for safeguarding and promoting welfare of pupils at the school.
Pupil Discipline	Statement of general principles on behaviour and discipline and of measures taken by the head teacher to prevent bullying.
Charging and Remissions Policy	Statement of policy with reference to charging for additional activities to the core curriculum

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 letter to the children from the lead inspector.
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	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

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:

Chair of Governors Mr Bob Arnold, Gosden House School

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

E Mail: publications@ic-foi.demon.co.uk

Website : www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk