



# Freedom of Information

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## Publication Scheme

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# Our Mission

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Trust will work together in truth and love to provide the best possible opportunities for all our young people and their families.

Our mission is the provision, development and future safeguarding of a World Class Catholic Education where every child, member of staff and family matters

The schools, their governors and the trust directors will work together, based on the principle of subsidiarity, in faithfulness and humility, to provide an education where Christ and His values of respect, service, tolerance, dignity and forgiveness are at the heart of everything we do.

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**This policy was approved by the Chief Executive Officer  
on behalf of the Trust Board**

Signature:

**Mr D Beardsley  
Chief Executive Officer**

Date: 26/01/2021

*This generic model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. It may be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice.*

This publication scheme commits The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by the Trust. Additional assistance is provided to the definition of these classes in sector specific guidance manuals issued by the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner's timescales will be followed. The scheme commits the Trust:

- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by the Trust and falls within the classifications below;
- To specify the information which is held by the Trust and falls within the classifications below;
- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme;
- To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public;
- To review and update on a regular basis the information the Trust makes available under this scheme;
- To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available and
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

**The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust schools are:**

1. St Mary's Menston, a Catholic Voluntary Academy
2. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Otley, a Voluntary Academy
3. Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy
4. Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Ilkley, a Voluntary Academy
5. St. Mary's Horsforth Catholic Voluntary Academy
6. St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Pudsey, a Voluntary Academy
7. St Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough, a Voluntary Academy
8. St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Harrogate, a Voluntary Academy
9. Holy Name Catholic Voluntary Academy
10. St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, a Voluntary Academy

## Classes of information

1. **Who we are and what we do:** Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.
2. **What we spend and how we spend it:** Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.
3. **What our priorities are and how we are doing:** Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.
4. **How we make decisions:** Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.
5. **Our policies and procedures:** Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.
6. **Lists and registers:** Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the authority.
7. **The services we offer:** Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

The classes of information will not generally include:

- Information the disclosure of which is prevented by law, or exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, or is otherwise properly considered to be protected from disclosure;
- Information in draft form;
- Information that is no longer readily available as it is contained in files that have been placed in archive storage, or is difficult to access for similar reasons.

## The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available

The Trust will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

Where it is within the capability of the Trust, information will be provided on a website. Where it is impracticable to make information available on a website or when an individual does not wish to access the information by the website, the Trust will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.

In exceptional circumstances some information may be available only by viewing in person. Where this manner is specified, contact details will be provided. An appointment to view the information will be arranged within a reasonable timescale.

Information will be provided in the language in which it is held or in such other language that is legally required. Where the Trust is legally required to translate any information, it will do so. Obligations under disability and discrimination legislation and any other legislation to provide information in other forms and formats will be adhered to when providing information in accordance with this scheme.

Charges which may be made for Information published under this scheme. Please see our Freedom of Information Policy for further details.

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the Trust for routinely published material will be justified and transparent and kept to a minimum. Material which is published and accessed on a website is free of charge. Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred such as:

- Photocopying;
- Postage and packaging and
- The costs directly incurred as a result of viewing information

Charges may also be made for information provided under this scheme where they are legally authorised, they are in all the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

If a charge is to be made, confirmation of the payment due will be given before the information is provided. Payment may be requested prior to provision of the information.

## Written requests

Information held by a public authority that is not published under this scheme can be requested in writing, when its provision will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available

Requests for the Chair of the Trust or the Accounting Officer should be made by telephone or e-mail through the Governance Officer – 01943 883004 – j.johnson@bwcat.org  
Requests may require an appointment to view documents.

## 1. Who we are and what we do

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts (To include Articles of Association and Scheme of Delegation)	Online by visiting The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust website: <a href="http://bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org">bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org</a> <i>The Trust website has links to all the individual schools' websites</i>	No fee
Funding Agreement	Online by visiting The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust website	No fee
Academy staff and structure	Online by visiting individual academy websites	No fee
Trust Board – name and the basis of their appointment	Online by visiting The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust website	No fee
Academy Council Members – name and the basis of their appointment	Online by visiting individual academy websites	No fee
Individual school session times, term dates and holidays	Online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a>	No fee
Location and contact information – address, telephone number	Online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a>	No fee
Contact details for Headteachers and the Governing Body/CEO	Online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a> For information regarding the BWCAT Trust, please click on <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/directors-of-the-trust/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/directors-of-the-trust/</a>	No fee
School Prospectus	These can be accessed by contacting the individual academy, contact details can be found online on each academy website by clicking:	Photocopying and postage fees may apply

	<a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a>	
GCSE results	Online by clicking <a href="https://www.stmarysmenston.org/our-results/">https://www.stmarysmenston.org/our-results/</a> Information can also be found via the DfE by clicking <a href="https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/139351">https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/139351</a>	No fee

## 2. What we spend and how we spend it

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit  This should be a minimum of current and the previous financial year.	Current financial statements: available on Trust website <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/annual-report-and-financial-information/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/annual-report-and-financial-information/</a>  Previous accounts and audit reports: on request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Annual budget plan and financial statements	On request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Capital funding – details of capital funding allocated to the school along with information on related building projects and other capital projects	On request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Additional funding – Income generation schemes and other sources of funding	On request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Procurement and contracts – details of procedures used for the acquisition of goods and services. Details of contracts that have gone through a formal tendering process	On request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Staffing and grading structure	On request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Pay policy – a statement of the Academy's policy on procedures regarding teachers' pay	On request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Governors' allowances – Details of allowances and expenses that can be claimed or incurred	On request from the Accounting Officer	Photocopying and postage fees may apply

### 3. What our priorities are and how we are doing

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews. Current information should be published.	Online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a> or on request from the Chair of the Trust	No fee for information online. Photocopying and postage fees may apply for other formats
School profile Government supplied performance data OFSTED report – summary and full report	Online on individual school websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a>	No fee for information online. Photocopying and postage fees may apply for other formats
Performance management information	On request from the Chair of the Trust	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Academy's future plans – any major proposals on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	On request from the Chair of the Trust	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Child protection – policies and procedures on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	Online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a>	No fee for information online. Photocopying and postage fees may apply for other formats



## 4. How we make decisions

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Decision making processes and records of decisions. Current and previous three years as a minimum	On request from the Chair of the Trust	Photocopying and postage fees may apply
Admissions policy - arrangements and procedures and right of appeal – include information on application numbers and number of successful applicants by each oversubscription criteria.	Admissions policies are available online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a>	No fee for information online. Photocopying and postage fees may apply for other formats
Governing body meeting agendas, papers and minutes – information that is properly considered to be private should be excluded.	On request from the Chair of the Trust	Photocopying and postage fees may apply

## 5. Our policies and procedures

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities	Many of our policies are available online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a> or on request from the Chair of the Trust	No fee for information online. Photocopying and postage fees may apply for other formats

## 6. Lists and Registers

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Disclosure logs	Appointment to view – please use the contact details at the top of page 5	No fee for view only
Asset register	Appointment to view – please use the contact details at the top of page 5	No fee for view only
Any information the Academy is currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers	Appointment to view – please use the contact details at the top of page 5	No fee for view only

## 7. The services we offer

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Charge
Current newsletters, leaflets, guidance, extra-curricular activities, out of school clubs, school publications, community lettings	Online on individual academy websites available following this link: <a href="https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/">https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/list-of-member-schools/</a>	No fee for information online. Photocopying and postage fees may apply for other formats

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[Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Ilkley](#), a Voluntary Academy

[St Mary's Horsforth](#) Catholic Voluntary Academy

[St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Pudsey](#), a Voluntary Academy

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[Holy Name](#) Catholic Voluntary Academy



## **The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust**

The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust is a charity and a company limited by Guarantee, registered in England and Wales.

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