London Enterprise Academy Freedom of Information Publication Scheme



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1.0 London Enterprise Academy Mission Statement

London Enterprise Academy is a secondary free school in Tower Hamlets set up by serving teachers, professionals and local parents. Our vision is to create a truly outstanding free school delivering the very best educational opportunities, nurture academic excellence and enhanced ambition in all its pupils, inspire the next generation of professionals and entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds.

2.0 Policy links to School mission, aims and values

All of the work of London Enterprise Academy is intended to support the delivery of our mission statement in full.

3.0 Statutory Framework

The Freedom of Information Act came into force on 1st January 2005. Under this Act, all schools which receive a written or emailed request for information which they hold or publish, are required to respond within 20 working days.

- Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, all schools (primary, secondary and nursery) should have a 'publication scheme' – essentially a formal list of the types of non-personal information which the school produces or holds, and which is readily accessible to staff, pupils and parents or other enquirers.
- The publication scheme should be available as a hard copy and also posted on the London Enterprise Academy website.
- Schools can link this document via their website to a list of publications with details of contacts and costs, and any appropriate downloads.
- There should be a named person with overall responsibility for published information within each school. In most cases this would be the Principal.

4.0 Implementation

- The school will provide information on where to access the information required eg. the website link, <u>or</u> details of a charge if the publication/ information is charged, <u>or</u> send any free information. If the item is charged the school does not need to provide it until the payment is received.
- A refusal of any information requested must state the relevant exemption which has been applied or that the school does not hold the information, and must explain what public interest test has made if this applies.
- If the information is published by another organisation (for example, Ofsted reports, DfE leaflets) the school can direct the enquirer to the organisation which supplied the information or publication unless it is legal and possible to provide the information direct (for example, a copy of the summary of an Ofsted report, spare copies of a DfE leaflet).
- It will not be legal to photocopy a publication in its entirety and supply this to an enquirer unless the school owns the copyright this is particularly important where the original publication was a charged item.
- The school will keep the original request and note against this who dealt with the request and when the information was provided.
- Any complaint about the provision of information will be handled by the Principal or member of the senior leadership team. All complaints should be in writing and documented. The Publication Scheme will include information on who to contact for both enquiries and complaints.
- All enquirers should be advised that they may complain to the information Commissioner if they are unhappy with the way their request has been handled.

5.0 Links with other policy areas

Data protection Policy

6.0 Communication

This information is located in the guidance published.

For students on the relevant section of the school's website.

For staff referenced in their staff handbook in the Procedures and Policies section, staff shared drive and in the relevant sections of the school's website.

For parents/carers in the relevant sections of the school's website.

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Signature of chair of Governors

Signature of Principal