



STATUTORY REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION POLICY

September 2026-2027

Passmores Co-operative Learning Community

PCLC Position Statement

All PCLC schools have an approach that is based on the following key principles:

- Our unconditional positive regard ensures that every young person is highly valued and expected to achieve their potential;
- every young person has the right to be successful and has ability to achieve, no matter what their socio-economic background;
- there is no limit to achievement – intelligence can be developed;
- each student must know what to do in order to improve and how to do it, high expectations on their own are not enough;
- consistency of experience is fundamental; each school is a team and consistency makes us greater than the sum of our parts;
- employment opportunities in PCLC schools should allow all colleagues to inspire a love for learning; not simply process and record what we find.

By ensuring all of actions and decisions adhere to these principles our community members:

- are highly valued and expected to achieve their full potential, no matter what their socio-economic background;
- benefit from an inclusive ethos, excellent teaching and a broad and balanced curriculum underpinned by strong leadership, in a local school;
- are supported and encouraged to lead healthy and active lives making sensible choices, whilst respecting the views and attitudes of others.

Statutory Requests for Information policy

It is a legal requirement for all schools to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR), the UK General Data Protection Regulations, the Data Protection Act 2018, and the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005.

This policy sets out the rules all staff, governors, contractors and volunteers **must** follow when managing these statutory requests for information.

Policy rules:

1. We must **correctly identify** the law which applies to the information being requested and manage the request in compliance with that law
2. Information should be **released** unless there is a strong legal justification for withholding it.
3. Whenever we **refuse** to provide information, we must clearly and fully explain the reasons why
4. We must provide **advice and assistance** to people making a request.
5. We must always try to **reply** as quickly as possible, but always within the legal deadline.
6. All employees must promptly **provide** all relevant information to a request co-ordinator if asked for it
7. If we decide to **charge** for information, we must do so in accordance with a published policy.
8. Where reasonable and practical, we must provide the information in the **format** requested by the requester.
9. When we respond to a request, we must tell the requestor about our **internal review** process.
10. When a **complaint** is received in relation to a subject access request it must be logged and acknowledged within 30 days. We must investigate and keep the complainant updated and respond as quickly as is reasonably practicable.
11. When responding to a complaint, we must advise the requestor that they may **complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)** if they remain unhappy with the outcome.
12. We must maintain an up-to-date **Publication Scheme** available on our website to meet our obligations under FOI/EIR

How must I comply with these policy rules?

We have related policies, procedures and guidance which tell you how to comply with these rules. These include:

- Records Management Policy
- Data Protection Rights Procedure
- Publishing for Transparency Procedure
- Subject Access Request Procedure
- FOI – EIR Procedure
- Statutory Requests for Information Guidance
- Retention Schedule

If you are unsure how to comply you must seek advice and guidance from your Data Protection Lead.

What if I need to do something against this policy?

If you believe you have a valid business reason for an exception to these policy points, having read and understood the reasons why they are in place, please raise a formal request by contacting the Data Protection Lead.

References

- Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Environmental Information Regulation 2005
- Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005
- Data Use & Access Act 2025

Breach Statement

Breaches of Information Policies will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action. Serious breaches of Policy may be considered gross misconduct and result in dismissal without notice, or legal action being taken against you.

Document Control

Version: 2026

Date approved: September 2026
Approved by: PCLC Trust Board
Next review: September 2027