

Guide to Information - Chester Diocesan Academies Trust

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Certain information about our organisation is required to be published under the Freedom of Information Act or in accordance with guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE). This guide identifies where this information is published or how it can be obtained.

Please note that the guide only covers the information we currently hold. Any information that is not held will be marked as such.

Class 1 - Who we are and what we do Information about us: our structures, locations, and contacts. This is current information only.			
Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Contact details for the school or Trust, postal and email address (if used). Where possible, named contacts with telephone number and email address.	ICO & DfE	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/contact	Not applicable
Headteacher's contact details.	ICO	Contact details for each CDAT school are published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable



Who's who in the school or Trust.	ICO	Information for the CDAT central team is published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-team For school information please refer to individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
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Class 1 - Who we are and what we do

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Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Who's who on the governing body/ board of governors and selection criteria for appointment/ governing body's contact details.	ICO & DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
Diversity data for the governing board.	DfE	Not held.	Not applicable
Trustees' contact details.	ICO	Trustees can be contacted through the CDAT central office. Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/contact	Not applicable
Trustee who's who.	ICO & DfE	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/governance	Not applicable



Trustee diversity data.	DfE	Not held.	Not applicable
Articles of Association.	ICO & DfE	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/legal-and-financial	Not applicable
Prospectus.	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust For school information please refer to individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable Not applicable for the Trust; for schools please
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			see school website
School/Academy session times and term dates.	ICO & DfE	For school information please refer to individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable



School curriculum.	ICO & DfE	For school information please refer to individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
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Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it.

Financial information about projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts, and financial audit. This is current information and the previous financial year's information.

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Annual budget and financial statements.	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/legal-and-financial	Not applicable
Annual accounts.	ICO & DfE	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/legal-and-financial	Not applicable
Capital funding.	ICO	Published on the Trust website:	Not applicable

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Financial information about projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts, and financial audit. This is current information and the previous financial year's information.

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
		www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/legal-and-financial	



Financial audit reports.	ICO & DfE	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the Trust office.	Yes – see cost table.
Details of expenditure items over £2000 (published at least annually, where practical, at a more frequent quarterly or six-monthly interval).	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the Trust office.	Yes – see cost table.
Staff pay – details of senior staff salaries in bands of £5,000. For all other posts, identify levels of pay by salary range.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the Trust office.	Yes – see cost table.
Staff pay – number of employees who have a gross annual salary and benefits of £100,000 or more, published in £10,000 increments.	DfE	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/legal-and-financial	Not applicable
Staff allowances and expenses that can be incurred or claimed, with totals paid to individual senior staff members.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the Trust office.	Yes – see cost table.
Trustees' allowances that can be incurred or claimed, and a record of total payments made to individual trustees.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the Trust office.	Yes – see cost table.
Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it. Financial information about projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts, and financial audit. This is current information and the previous financial year's information.			
Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost



Governors' allowances that can be incurred or claimed, and a record of total payments made to individual governors.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the Trust office.	Yes – see cost table.
Procurement and contracts.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the Trust office.	Yes – see cost table.
Details of any premiums we receive such as pupil premium, recovery premium and sports premium.	ICO & DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable

Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing

Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews. This is current information only.

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Annual report.	ICO DfE	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/legal-and-financial	Not applicable
Latest reports from regulators (Ofsted and SIAMS)	ICO & DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable



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Test, exam, and assessment results.	ICO & DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
Performance tables.	ICO & DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
Remote education.	DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
The school or Academy's future plans e.g., proposals for and any consultation on the future of the school/Academy, such as a change in status (if applicable).	ICO	Where applicable this will be published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
School profile and performance data supplied to the Government.	ICO & DfE	Published on the GIAS website: www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/Se arch	Not applicable



Data Protection Impact Assessments (in full or summary format) or any other impact assessment (e.g., Health & Safety Impact Assessment, Equality Impact Assessments etc).	ICO	Hard copy available on request where applicable. Please contact the school office.	Yes – see cost table.
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Class 4 – How we make decisions

Decision making processes and records of decisions. This is current information and the previous three years' information.

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Admissions policy	ICO & DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools Hard copy available on request. Please contact the school office.	Not applicable Yes – see cost table.
Agendas and minutes of meetings of the governing body and its committees unless an exemption applies to the information or parts of it.	ICO & DfE	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the school office. Part 2 minutes will not be made available due to reasons of confidentiality.	Not applicable

Class 5 – Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities. This is current information only.

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School policies and other documents, such as behaviour policy, complaints procedure, anti-bullying policy, eSafety, SEND, access to information etc.	ICO & DfE	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools Please note that not all policies are required to be published.	Not applicable
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Class 5 – Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities. This is current information only.

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Safeguarding and child protection, including protecting children's personal data.	ICO	Published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
Equality and diversity including the public sector equality duty.	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies	Not applicable
Policies and procedures relating to recruitment and human resources.	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies	Not applicable
Special educational needs (SEND Statement)	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies	Not applicable



Customer service and complaints policies and procedures (including those covering handling requests for information and operating the publication scheme).	ICO	CDAT Complaints Policy and Procedure published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies School complaints policies published on individual school websites, links to which can be found at: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-schools	Not applicable
Pay policy.	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies	Not applicable

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Records management (information security policies, records retention, destruction and archive policies).	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies	Not applicable
Data protection (including information sharing and CCTV usage policies).	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies	Not applicable
Charging regimes and policies.	ICO	Published on the Trust website: www.cdat.co.uk/main/our-trust/policies	Not applicable



Careers programme information.	ICO	Not held.	Not applicable
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Class 6 – Lists and registers

Currently maintained lists and registers only (this does not include attendance registers).

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
CCTV - details of the locations of any overt CCTV surveillance cameras operated by us or on our behalf.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the school office. Please note that some information may only be available by inspection. This means a copy will not be provided and the individual would need to come into school to view it.	Yes – see cost table.

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Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Disclosure logs, i.e., information provided in response to FOI/EIR requests.	ICO	Not held.	Not applicable
Asset register and Information Asset Register.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the school office.	Yes – see cost table.
Any information we are currently legally required to hold in publicly available registers.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the school office.	Yes – see cost table.



Class 7 – The services we offer

Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses.
This is current information only.

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Extra-curricular activities.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the applicable school office.	Yes – see cost table.
Out of school clubs.	ICO	Hard copy available on request. Please contact the applicable school office.	Yes – see cost table.
Services for which we are entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees.	ICO	Not held.	Not applicable
Our publications, leaflets, books and newsletters.	ICO	Not held or published	Not applicable

Class 7 – The services we offer

Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses.
This is current information only.

Information to be published	Authority	How you can obtain the information	Cost
Additional Information			
Any information that is not itemised in the lists above.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable



Schedule of charges

The following table describes how we assess any charges:

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 5p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost incurred
	Photocopying @ 8p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost incurred
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory fee	Not applicable	Not applicable

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