



# Freedom of Information Policy Appendix

## **1. Context**

From 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 all parents were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for the schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response – who absolutely need to attend. Since September schools have been open to all children but strict guidelines are still in place.

In line with the updated guidance received from the DfE this appendix has been created to run alongside the Trust's Freedom of Information policy during this period.

## **2. Freedom of Information requests received**

COVID-19 may have an effect on the Trust's ability to respond to requests for information within the statutory timeframes.

Please be aware that you may experience understandable delays when making information rights requests during the pandemic.

This will not affect your rights, however any *unavoidable* reasons for delay may be recognised in any decision issued by the Information Commissioner.

We will continue to monitor the situation and updates to the [Information Commissioner](#) guidance and will update our website as and when necessary.