



GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL

Provision of Information

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1 PROVISION OF INFORMATION

Giggleswick School ("the School") is obliged to ensure that certain information is provided or made available to parents of pupils and prospective pupils.

1.1 CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE SCHOOL, THE HEADMASTER AND THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

These can be found in the Parent Handbook, which is updated annually, and is available via the Parent Portal.

And also here <https://www.giggleswick.org.uk/contact-us> and <https://www.giggleswick.org.uk/senior-school/about-us/our-governors>

1.2 POLICIES

Regulatory Policies include: Admissions, The School's Aims and Ethos, Parental Contract, Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Curriculum (including support for pupils for whom English is an additional language), Behaviour, Anti-bullying, Health and Safety, First Aid, and Complaints (including the number of complaints registered under the formal procedure during the preceding school year). These, along with other school policies can be found here:

Senior School: <https://www.giggleswick.org.uk/senior-school/about-us/policies>

Junior School: <https://www.giggleswick.org.uk/junior-school/about-us/policies>

Mill House: <https://www.giggleswick.org.uk/pre-school/about-us/policies>

1.3 ISI INSPECTION REPORTS

The School was last inspected by ISI in May 2023 (a Focused Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection). The Independent Schools Inspectorate visited the School in May 2023 to complete a Focused Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection; the inspection found the School to be compliant in all areas. Inspectors were also required to grade pupil achievements and pupils' personal development as excellent, good, sound or unsatisfactory. The School is proud to have achieved the top grade (excellent) in both categories, which is tribute to all that the School's pupils and staff do.

Copies of the latest ISI report and previous inspections can be found here:

<https://www.giggleswick.org.uk/senior-school/about-us/inspection-reports>

1.4 THE SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC RESULTS

Results of the previous year's public examinations can be found here:

<https://www.giggleswick.org.uk/senior-school/curriculum/results>

1.5 REPORTS ON PUPILS' PROGRESS

The School is obliged to provide at least an annual report of progress and attainment to parents. For details of our schedule for reports and parent meetings, parents can refer to the *Reporting Schedule For Parents* on the Parent Portal.

1.6 CASES WHERE THE PUPIL ONLY HAS CONTACT WITH ONE PARENT

Under the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005, all parents can receive information about their child, even though the School's main contact is likely to be the parent with whom the child lives on school days (the "resident parent").

The School's paramount consideration in all cases concerning contact with parents is for the welfare of its pupils. By law, the School is required to engage with parents in a number of ways. Guidance issued by the DfE (Understanding and Dealing with Issues Relating to parental Responsibility, Aug 2023) helps the School understand its obligations and duties in relation to the rights and responsibilities of parents, as recognised by education law.

The School recognises that family circumstances can be complicated and that in some cases there is little or no contact between the pupil and one or other of their parents. In such cases, and in the absence of a court order to the contrary (for example, under a section 8 order), the School will, as a minimum, provide a termly report on the pupil's progress to each parent, whether or not they are a signatory to the contract. In addition, the School will respond to any reasonable requests for information from either parent and, especially in the case of older pupils, take into account the pupil's views about the level of access the parent should have to information about them.

Where parental consent is required for extra-curricular visits and activities, the School will seek the consent of the resident parent. The only exception to this is when the decision is likely to have a long-term and significant impact on the pupil, or the non-resident parent has requested to be asked for consent in all cases.

References:

Guidance: Understanding and dealing with issues relating to parental responsibility, DfE (Aug 2023)