

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***KS2 SATs Boycott***

#### **Request:**

In May 2010, approximately 26% of primary schools boycotted the KS2 SATs tests due to take place that month. I am conducting analysis regarding regional variation in boycott participation.

For this reason, I am interested in the stance of the council in regard to this issue. I am requesting:

- A copy of any written advice sent from the council (acting in its capacity as a local education authority) to primary school head teachers or board of governors in regards to participation in the boycott  
[To best of our knowledge no written advice was sent to primary school Head teachers or Governing Bodies with regards to national key stage 2 test boycott.](#)
- A copy of any written advice sent to head teachers/governors which discusses the possibility of head teachers being in breach of contract if they participated in the boycott  
[There is no written advice as per point 1.](#)
- An answer to the following questions:
  - Did the council seek to encourage schools not to participate in the boycott?  
[The Council did not seek to encourage schools not to participate in the boycott.](#)
  - Did the council take no stance on whether schools should participate in the boycott?  
[The council took no stance with regards to the boycott.](#)
  - Did the council inform head teachers that they might be in breach of contract if they participated in the boycott?  
[I have no evidence to suggest that any Head Teacher in the City of Wolverhampton was in breach of contract as the result of participating in a test boycott.](#)

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