

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000869
Date 10 February 2017

Free School Meals

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information.

Data for each year from 2000 to present on pupils of primary school age in your LEA (or part thereof if data for each year is not available):

1. Total number of pupils.

We can confirm information regarding the number of pupils, including those registered for Free School Meals is publicly available from the Government's statistical release website. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-and-pupil-numbers>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

2. Total number of pupils receiving instrumental or singing music tuition from the LEA (eg. through a Music Service or School).

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

To advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant authority. For reference we have provided their links below:

Music School - <http://www.wolverhamptonmusichub.org.uk/contact/>

Arts Council - <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/research-and-data>

3. Total number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals.
[As above.](#)
4. Total number of pupils eligible Free School Meals receiving instrumental or singing music tuition from the LEA.
[As above.](#)
5. Were (and when were) subsidies offered for instrumental or singing music tuition for children eligible for Free School Meals?
[As above.](#)
6. Were (and when were) whole class instrumental lessons offered to schools under the Widening Opportunities initiative?
[As above.](#)

Please populate the attached table with data. If this is not possible, please reply in narrative with whatever information is available.