

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001356
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School Class Sizes

Request:

Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on school class sizes at Local Authority maintained schools in your local area:

1. How many secondary school classes in your area are expected to have (a) between 30 and 35 pupils and (b) over 35 pupils in the school year 2017/18?
[Information unknown.](#)
2. How many secondary school classes in your area had (a) between 30 and 35 pupils and (b) over 35 pupils in the years (i) 2015/16 (ii) 2016/17
[Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold or collect 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".](#)

3. How many primary school classes in your area are expected to have (a) between 30 and 35 pupils and (b) over 35 pupils in the school year 2017/18?
[Information unknown.](#)
4. How many primary school classes had (a) between 30 and 35 pupils and (b) over 35 pupils in the years (i) 2015/16 and (ii) 2016/17?
[The information you have requested 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 via the following link:](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

[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>

5. What is the largest class size at a secondary school in your area expected to be in the school year 2017/18?
Information unknown.
6. What is the largest class size at a primary school in your area expected to be in the school year 2017/18?
Information unknown.

In addition, if available please could you provide information on current projections for additional school places at Local Authority maintained schools set to be required in your local area:

7. Based on current projections, how many additional secondary school places do you estimate you will have to provide in your local area in 2020/21?
Based on current projections there will be a need for approx. 350 additional year 7 places between 2017/18 and 2020/21. (NB these figures are subject to change over time as the LA continues to monitor demand).
8. Based on current projections, how many additional primary school places do you estimate you will have to provide in your local area in 2020/21?
Based on current projections there will be a need for approx. 90 additional Reception places between 2017/18 and 2020/21. (NB these figures are subject to change over time as the LA continues to monitor demand).

Please could you provide information on the number of additional places required between now and 2020/21 for both primary and secondary schools.