

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002431
Date 21 June 2018

Council Charges for Conversion

Request:

- Names of all local-authority run schools charged by the local authority for the costs of converting to an academy.
[Please see information provided in the table below.](#)
- How much each school was charged for the cost of conversion.
[Please see information provided in the table below.](#)
- The total cost to the council of converting the school.
[In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not hold this level of information requested.](#)

[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 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".](#)

- In what years.
[Please see information provided in the table below.](#)

[In respect of your above question regarding charging for the years 2013-2016, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold this information as we were not charging for the years 2013-2016.](#)

[Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to those years, and are informing you as required by Section 1\(1\) \(a\) of the Act, that states:](#)

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Year	Names of schools charged	Charge for converting per school	Total cost to the council of conversion per school
2013-2014			
2014- 2015			
2015-2016			
2016-2017	Edward the Elder Primary School	£6,000.00	
	East Park Primary School	£7,500.00	
	Broadmeadow Special School	£6,000.00	
	Oxley Primary School	£6,000.00	
	Moreton Community School	£6,000.00	
2017-2018	Parkfield Primary School	£6,000.00	
	St Stephen's C of E Primary School	£4,500.00	
	Woodfield Junior School	£2,000.00	
	Woodfield Infant School	£7,500.00	
	Goldthorn Park Primary School	£6,000.00	
	D'Eyncourt Primary School	£6,000.00	

NB. If and only if the council cannot say how much each individual school was charged, please indicate a generic conversion charge e.g. between £5,000 and £7,000, and a generic cost to the council e.g. between £15,000 and £20,000.

Please also answer the following 4 questions:

1. Which year and month did the council first introduce a conversion charge for schools becoming academies?
September 2016
2. What were the reasons for the council introducing a conversion for schools becoming academies?
The council introduced conversion costs in order to recover the cost of officer time being afforded to internal departments.
3. If the council has never introduced a conversion charge, why not?
N/A

If the council has never had a conversion charge but is planning to introduce one, please state: N/A

- a) when it will be introduced
- b) what the amount is that schools will be charged
- c) and why that decision has been taken?