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Mr Mark Walker  
What Do They Know

Via email

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Our ref: FOI/1009/087

Date: 21 October 2009

Dear Mr Walker,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your recent request regarding teachers who are members of political parties. I can confirm the following:

1. In respect of schools there has been no such case referred to the Local Authority.
2. We have not had any complaints from parents regarding party membership of any school employees.
3. There is no specific HR policy issued by the Council to schools on this issue but advice and guidance would be provided in the event that any such matter was raised.

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By post to:   The Complaints Team  
                  Children's Services and Lifelong Learning

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Should you remain dissatisfied following the review under the complaints procedure I would advise you that you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Contact details for the Information Commissioner are as follows:

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Fax: 01625 524 510  
DX 20819

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Yours sincerely,

*Melanie Lang*

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