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Please ask for Jonathan Sheward

Our ref: 6553132

Your ref:

Date: 24 March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please be advised that we are unable to provide all of the information that you have requested.

You asked us:

I would like to request a monthly breakdown of how many children have moved to full-time home education between January 2019 and present, broken down by ethnicity and age.

I am referring to a formal, long-term move (informing a school or council) or a suspected move (indicated by long absences) rather than children who are still registered with a school but learning from home during lockdown.

For the information that we are providing, please see the Excel document "WCC FOI ref 6553132 - Children moving to FT Home Education", attached to our covering e-mail.

We have not provided a breakdown by age and ethnicity. This is because the sample size within each month is in general too small to allow such further breakdown as we believe this may make individual children identifiable.

Therefore an exemption under Section 40(2) (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to such data.

The information is personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). As it is information about someone else I'm unable to give this to you. Release of this information would constitute a breach of the DPA.

The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act:

(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or

(b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

The second condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene Article 21 of the GDPR (general processing: right to object to processing).

Therefore please treat this response as a Refusal Notice in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of providing a breakdown by age or ethnicity.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Sheward
Information Rights Officer