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Dear Andrew,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REF No: 490226

Thank you for your information request, received on 15th December 2015.

You requested the following information:

I am aware that the council have a universal free school meals policy and have been funding this policy for a number of years.

I would like to see any measurements, appraisal reports or supporting evidence on the outcomes of this scheme.

In simple terms, have the council followed up the scheme, if so, I would like to see it.

Our response is:

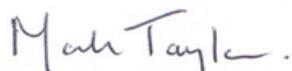
We hold information pertaining to academic outcomes of pupils. However, there have not been any specific measurements or appraisals conducted which show direct outcomes of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. A detailed analysis and data matching exercise would need to be done in order to provide information pertaining to the direct outcomes of the scheme. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request therefore would exceed an appropriate cost limit to locate, retrieve and gather. This has been set at £450 and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in locating, retrieving and extracting the information. (For more information about the council's fees notice, please see our Fees Notice available on our website.)

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, the council is not obliged to comply with your request. We would still, however, like to assist you. If you are able to narrow the criteria of your request, it is more likely that we will be able to provide you with the information you require.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Taylor".

Mark Taylor
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