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Dear S Milton

**Request for Information Reference Number: RFI/101000999750**

Thank you for your request for information, received via email on 25 April 2016.

In your request, you have requested information regarding the following, please find below Medway Council's response to your request.

**How many children were allocated places to Reception Year, starting in September 2016 through the various options:**

- 1) Faith (we believe a maximum of 20 children were able to apply via this choice)
- 2) In care/adoption
- 3) Older sibling/s already attending the school
- 4) Distance only.

**Please can you provide a catchment area for each of the above points, indicating the furthest distance away (preferably in a map format) from this school that children were admitted for reception year starting September 2016.**

Please see the below table in regards to the amount of children allocated places for reception year, September 2016 at St Mary's Island CEA Primary School.

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Number offered</b>	<b>Furthest distance offered</b>
Looked after/previously looked after children	0	N/A
Denominational (faith)	8	6,852.7028 metres
Siblings	29	12,504.5468 metres
Distance	23	1,079.02 metres

**Can you confirm whether there were any children living on St Mary's Island that had chosen this school as their first choice, that have been unsuccessful in gaining a place. If so, how many children this affected.**

We can confirm that 70 applicants were living on St Mary's Island that had chosen St Mary's Island CEA as their first preference. Of the 70 Applicants 59 were offered places

on the 18 April 2016 and 11 were unsuccessful in gaining their first preference. Please note that a further place was offered to a child with an Educational Health and Care plan, which is outside the mainstream admission process.

**If this is the case, please can you confirm the names of roads on St Mary's Island or show on a map, the furthest distance to which this year's children were successful and admitted on distance only (point 4 above), to better understand the catchment area for the school.**

In regards to your request, for the names of the roads of the furthest distance to which successful applicants were admitted to St Mary's Island CEA. This information has been refused under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), in regards to personal data. As by providing the road names this has the potential to make the applicants identifiable. Please note that all places for schools are offered based upon the oversubscription criteria for the relevant school and not the selected preference of the applicant. Furthermore, all schools within Medway do not have a defined catchment area as the furthest distance offered under the criterion differs each year.

**With reference to infant school places offered on Monday 18th April, please can you confirm the following for the rest of the Primary Schools in Medway:**

**How many children were allocated places to Reception Year, starting in September 2016 through the various options:**

- 1) Faith (if applicable)**
- 2) In care/adoption**
- 3) Older sibling/s already attending the school**
- 4) Distance only.**

We can confirm that the Council holds the information requested by you. Whilst the Council has determined that to comply with the whole of your request would exceed the appropriate limit, it has provided some details in respect of question 1 and a part of question 2 in your request.

The Council has assessed your request and considers that the costs of compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit", as referred to in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"). The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450.

In determining whether the appropriate limit is exceeded, the Council must only consider the following factors in estimating the cost:

- Determining whether the information is held;
- Locating the information or documents containing the information;
- Retrieving the information; and
- Extracting the information from documents.

Under the Act the Council has the right to decline a request where the appropriate limit is exceeded. In this case the Council has decided not to comply with the request, due to the volume of information requested, which would take us over the 18 Hours or £450 time/cost limit set for responding to Freedom of Information requests.

However, you may wish to make your request more specific, so that retrieval of the information will be easier, and so reduce the costs within the appropriate limit. For example you could reduce the number of schools that you required information for, or the amount of options such as just faith schools or if there is a sibling currently attending the school.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided or wish to complain about any other issues regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 please refer to our website on

<http://www.medway.gov.uk/thecouncilanddemocracy/performanceandpolicy/freedomofinformationact.aspx>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SJ Jordan', written over a light grey horizontal line.

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