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Sent via email – request-652153-a4ac272e@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Dye

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request for information, which was received on 04 March 2020. You requested:

“Could you please provide a list of the names off all the Accounting Officers for Stand-Alone Academies and Multi-Academy Trusts and where possible in terms of GDPR their contact information (postal, telephone and email).”

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

The Department holds most of the information you have requested, but it is being withheld because exemptions apply.

Under section 21 of the Act, the Department is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

Much of the information you have requested is available on the Department’s [Get information about schools](#) website.

You can access a list of Accounting Officers by following the instructions below:

- on the home page select the ‘Find a governor’ tab;
- select and search ‘All governors’;
- select ‘Accounting Officer’ from the Role menu;
- select ‘Academies in a multi-academy trust’, ‘Academies in a single-academy trust’, ‘Academies with a school sponsor’, ‘Free schools’ and ‘Multi-academy trusts’ from the Establishment/group type menu; and
- select ‘Download these search results’ in the top right corner of the screen to download the entire dataset.

Accounting Officers can be contacted using Academy Trusts’ postal addresses. You can access a list of postal addresses by following the steps below:

- on the home page select the ‘Find an establishment group’ tab;
- select and search ‘All establishment groups’;
- select ‘Multi-academy trust’ and ‘Single-academy trust’ from the Group type menu; and
- select ‘Download these search results’ in the top right corner of the screen to download the entire dataset.

Please be advised that we cannot disclose any personal data that we hold where doing so would infringe the rights of the individuals concerned, and therefore, we cannot provide you with any individuals' direct email address. These are being withheld because the section 40(2) exemption on personal information applies. Section 40(2) provides for personal data to be exempt from disclosure where its disclosure would infringe the rights of individuals and contravene any of the data protection principles under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. This is an absolute exemption in these circumstances which means that it does not require a test to balance the public interest in releasing the information against that in withholding it. The Department does not routinely collect telephone numbers for Accounting Officers, and therefore this information is not held.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, who were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Wilson', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Mark Wilson
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