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Dear Alex Cha

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

Having considered your question, we do not hold the information you have requested in a readily available format. We estimate that to search, locate and retrieve this information would take more than 18 hours to complete; therefore, we understand that your request is exempt under S12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Authority maintains 79 Schools, including Primary; Secondary and Special schools. It also has 19 Academy schools, which fall outside of the Local Authority control. Each school has its own method of employing Agency supply cover. Some through the Local Authority, some directly through Supply Agencies, and some directly themselves. To collate specific costs in this respect across all schools would require a good deal of work and time, not only to contact schools for specific information, including the Academy schools, which are not managed by the Authority, but to collate the data and to verify it falls within your specific criteria of dates.

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with an information request if it estimates that complying with the request exceeds the appropriate limit. The limit is currently set at £450 (which is calculated on the basis of 18 hours work at £25 per hour).

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the FOIA 2000 this is a refusal of your request.

Please quote the reference number 3569625 in any future communications about this request.

Section 17 (7) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act states that public authorities must provide applicants with details of how they may complain about the handling of their request for information should they wish to. If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been dealt with then you can request an internal review within 40 days of receiving our response. This should be directed to the Information Management and Governance Lead, 1st Floor, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 3NJ or email: infoxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx

Should you choose to request a review of the decision taken and are dissatisfied following the authority's review, you are entitled under Section 17 (7) (b) of the Act to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision notice. Further information can be found at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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