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Dear Rafi,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 6 May. You wrote:

"I have a question about my child maintenance arrangements. My son lives with MGP under SGO. Now my question is whether we both parents should pay child maintenance as we separated now. How much would we both need to pay for child maintenance ? Would it be 12% each or will reduce to pay it by each parent ?

I'm wondering that if we pay both 12%, it would be too much for one child. MGP also received child benefits for our son."

DWP Response

On this occasion we will not be processing your request further. This is because your request does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the Fol Act as you have not provided a full name.

To enable us to provide a response, please provide your real name.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic. The ICO considers that "the name of the applicant refers to the real name of the applicant". The following link provides [ICO Guidance on valid FOI requests](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-information-commissioner/guidance-notes/guidance-on-valid-foi-requests).

However, even if you were to resubmit your question using your full name, personal information would be exempt under section 40 (1) of the FOI Act.

If you want to enquire about child maintenance you can find more information here.

<https://www.gov.uk/manage-child-maintenance-case>

Yours sincerely,

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