



Children's Services Early Help and Schools

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Dear Mr. Whittaker,

Notice of Refusal. Issued under Section 17, Freedom of Information act, (2000).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Rochdale Council has a duty to supply any information on request, unless there is an exemption. It is the Council's policy only to apply the exemptions where there is a genuine risk of harm or prejudice. In such cases, we will still provide information if it is in the public interest to do so.

I can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested below, however on this occasion, the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

We cannot disclose the information because we believe it would prejudice the Council's ability to get good value for money when dealing with commercial companies.

Request for the total cost, per annum, for a disabled child, to attend as a full residential pupil at Mountwood Academy, Longridge Lancashire

In line with the terms of this exemption in the Freedom of Information Act, we have also considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information ahead of publication, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.

We feel that we have fulfilled your Freedom of Information request. However, please see the details on our [website](#) if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request, wish to make a complaint or appeal against any decision we have made in response to your request.

Should you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Bowness
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