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Your Ref:
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Date: 05 March 2018



S Collins
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Dear Mr Collins

Further to your request dated 05 February, please find below a response to the questions you have asked.

1. **Flexischooling is defined by the Scottish government as where a child attends school part-time and is home educated for the remainder of the week, and can be arranged in collaboration with the school and parents. More information is available here:**
<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2007/12/17133313/3>

Does your LA use the term flexischooling to refer to this arrangement, or is it known by a different term?

We would make arrangements under home education provision.

2. **Please send us copies of written information that your LA makes available to staff, schools or parents to guide and support; (a) requesting a flexischooling arrangement, (b) the decision-making process in accepting or rejecting a request (c) the ongoing support for schools and families involved in flexischooling.**
This might include, but not be limited to, policies, procedures and information/guidance sheets.

We do not refer to flexi schooling in our home education guidance. However, we have referred to the national guidance produced by the Scottish Government which makes reference to this. We would consider each request individually and take into account whether or not this is supported by the child's school.

3. If you do not have any written information as described above, please tell us how a request for a new flexischooling arrangement would be dealt with.

As above.

4. Which role within your LA has responsibility for flexischooling? What are their responsibilities? Please provide us with the contact details (name, email, phone number) of the person who currently holds this role.

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FLEXISCHOOLING NUMBERS:

1. How many children do you believe are currently flexischooling in your LA? Please tell us how you calculated this number (eg based on requests for arrangements, headteacher reports, registration codes).

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2. Please provide a breakdown of these numbers indicating the phase of schooling ie number at primary (5-11) level, number at secondary (11-18) level.

3 primary

3. How many flexischooled children are known to require Additional Support for Learning (ASL).

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4. How many requests have been made for flexischooling arrangements during the academic years;

- a) 2014-15 - 1
- b) 2015-16 - 1
- c) 2016-17 - 0

5. How many requests in each of those time periods were accepted?

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6. How many requests in each of those time periods were refused. Please give a breakdown of the reasons for which they were refused.

None.

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which the Council has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Council to review its decision. A copy of the Council's review procedures is detailed at Appendix 1.

If you have any further queries about this process, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Gordon McKinlay
Head of Schools

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