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Dear Mr Osborne

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the Core Services Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 28 August 2019.

Your questions and my findings are below:-

How many pupils within Barnsley are eligible for free school meals and how many actually claim free school meals.

I would like this information broken down for the last 5 years and to date:

Name of school

Total school numbers

Total number of pupils eligible for free school meals per school

Total number of free school meals claimed/taken per school

Provided on the attached spreadsheet is the number of FSM awards per school/nursery for the last 4 years and figures as at today.

The DfE have in the past done one off publications showing eligibility gaps and is available via the web link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/183380/DFE-RR235.pdf

For January 2019 census FSM school level data see published data attached and summarised for LA level below

Barnsley LA figures Jan 2019

number of pupils known to be eligible for and claiming free school meals	6989
% of pupils known to be eligible for and claiming free school meals	20.3
number of FSM eligible pupils taking a free school meal on census day	5408
% of pupils taking free school meals on census day	15.7
number of pupils (used for FSM calculation in Performance Tables)	32377
number of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals (Performance Tables)	6727
% of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals (Performance Tables)	20.8
number of infants taking a free school meal on census day	7488

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Yours sincerely,



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