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Our ref: 443689



Ms H Jay

24 September 2019

Dear Ms Jay

#### Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please accept our sincere apologies for our late response to your request for information. Please see our response below.

Please quote the reference number 443689 in any future communications.

### You requested:

I would like a copy of the report generated by visits to Bluebell Meadow Primary School by Joanne Watson and any and all associated notes and evidence used in the creation of this report.

These visits were done to the Early Years team on 24th November 2017 and 3rd November 2017.

### Our response:

Please find attached a copy of the information which we hold. These visits were done to the Early Years team on 24th November 2017 and 3rd November 2017. This is the only information which we hold in relation to this request. Any additional handwritten notes taken during this visit were used to compile the document attached and have been destroyed in line with our data management procedure.

Please note: We have redacted (blanked out) 3<sup>rd</sup> party names and initials under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) as it constitutes personal information as defined in the Data Protection Act 2018, in that individuals can be identified from them. Please see exemptions below.

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S40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information. S40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) states that personal information is exempt from release where to do so would breach any of the Data Protection Principles contained in the Data Protection Act 2018.

The areas where s40 (2) have been applied can be seen in the text. In these areas, names and initials of 3<sup>rd</sup> parties have been removed. This is because we consider individuals can be identified by them and we consider that this would not be fair.

We consider the release of these details would be a breach of the first data protection principle of the Data Protection Act 2018 "data should be processed fairly, lawfully and in a transparent manner and as such it would be expected that the data would not be released into the public domain.

#### The Public Interest Test:

<u>S40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information.</u>
This is an absolute exemption under the FOIA and does not have a public interest

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Please put your grounds for an appeal in writing and email us back explaining which internal review applies.

- Late (you want us to explain why the response was late or has not yet been provided)
- Disagree with exemption (wrong exemption, or applied incorrectly)
- Disagree with the public interest test (Explain in detail why you believe the public interest test favours disclosure.)
- Request is incomplete, information is missing (indicate what is missing), information is inaccurate Information is not what was requested.

Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to inforigxxx@xxxxxx.xxv.uk

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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 01625 545 700 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Christine Paciorek Freedom of Information and Data Protection Officer

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