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Rebecca Hickman

By email:

request-489348-91bc64c6@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Hickman

Your request for information

Thank you for your email of in which you requested the following information from January 2017:

"Could you send me any kind of memo, guidance or circular that has been given to inspectors in relation to

a) the implementation of Prevent in schools or

b) schools' policies/approaches to Islamic customs and beliefs, between .

The memo or guidance would have been written by and cascaded from Ofsted senior management at head office. This request excludes memos or guidance issued by the regional teams. This request also excludes any individual communications (e.g. emails) on these topics - i.e. where the communication was not part of general guidance but related to a specific school or matter"

The Freedom of Information Act

We have dealt with your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. The FOI Act is primarily concerned with the disclosure of information to the public at large, and does not take account of who the requester is or the purpose for which the request has been made.

The first requirement of the Act is that we should confirm whether or not we hold information of the description set out in your request. We are then under a duty to provide you with all the information we hold which falls within the scope of your request, provided it is not 'exempt' information.

I can confirm we hold information that falls within the scope of your request.

Section 2(2) of the FOI Act describes circumstances in which information is 'exempt' and therefore does not have to be provided in response to a request. In this

instance, we consider the exemption at section 33 of the FOI Act applies to the information we hold.

Under section 10(3) of the Act we may extend the time limit for compliance with a request to allow us to properly assess whether the public interest lies in maintaining the exemption or disclosing the information. This process is still ongoing.

We will write to you again with our full response as soon as practicable. If you have any queries please contact me at 0300 013 1294 and I will do my best to address them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karon Crew", with a horizontal line underneath.

Karon Crew
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