

## Information Requests

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Date: 29 December 2017

Ms Lydia Tweddell

Dear Ms Tweddell

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Somerset County Council.

### Your Request:

**Question 1 :** The name and contact details including an email address of the Local Authority Director of Children's Services;

**Answer 1 :** Julian Wooster, email [xxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx)

**Question 2 :** The name and contact details including an email address of the Local Authority Portfolio Holder for Learning & Education;

**Answer 2 :** Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, email [xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)

**Question 3 :** The name and contact details including an email address of the Head of the Somerset Council Schools Admission Team.

**Answer 3 :** Jane Seaman, Access and Admissions Manager, [xxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx)

**Question 4 :** The dates and planned dates since 1st July 2014 of any subgroup or committee or working party that's business concerns or has concerned the school admission of summer born children and / or summer born children in general;

**Answer 4 :** None

**Question 5 :** The dates and planned dates since 1st July 2014 of any subgroup or committee or working party that's business concerned the Department for Education's advice

on the admission of summer born children and / or paragraph 2.17 ' 2.17B of the School Admissions Code;

**Answer 5 :** None

**Question 6 :** The agenda, papers and minutes of any meeting identified in points 4 and 5 above;

**Answer 6 :** None

**Question 7 :** All records since 19th December 2014 of any consultation between the Local Authority and any other Local Authorities concerning summer born school admissions including, but not limited to phone calls and correspondence (including but not limited to email).

**Answer 7 :** Somerset Local Authority consult on the admission arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and County schools for most years. All neighbouring admission authorities are consulted with as part of this process.

**Question 8 :** All correspondence since 19th December 2014 concerning summer born school admissions between the Local Authority and the Department for Education.

**Answer 8 :** None

**Question 9 :** All correspondence since 19th December 2014 concerning summer born school admissions between the Local Authority and Headteachers of all schools\* within the admissions authority including, but not limited to phone calls and correspondence (including but not limited to email).

\*both Academies and Maintained

**Answer 9 :** We cannot release information regarding particular children as we judge this information to be exempt under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40 (2) (3)(a)(i)); Personal Information states that any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

(a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.

(3) The first condition is—

(a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—

(i) any of the data protection principles.

However, we can confirm the following;

## **2015/16**

7 requests received, 1 withdrawn/cancelled, 6 agreed

## **2016/17**

41 apps received including 3 sets of twins.  
31 agreed, 7 refused, 3 withdrawn/cancelled

## **2017/18**

26 apps received including 2 sets of twins.  
21 agreed, 4 refused, 1 withdrawn/cancelled.

**Please quote the reference number 3106468 in any future communications.**

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail, or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me, and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with our response you may request an internal review. This is an independent investigation into the handling of your request, which is carried out by the Information Governance Team. The conclusions of this investigation, and if applicable, a fresh decision about the information to be provided, should be sent to you within twenty working days of receipt of the internal review request.

To request an Internal Review please respond to the email that this response was attached to detailing why you are not satisfied, and your request will be dealt with by the information governance team.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may then appeal directly to the Information Commissioner's Office with your complaint.

The Information commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Web address: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Simon Butt  
Information Request Officer

