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By email: request-564511-5e51ec0d@whatdotheyknow.com

Date: 19/07/2019
Reference: 2019-0023243

Dear Edward Williams,

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 25 June 2019.

In your previous correspondence, you requested:

I would like all data held which mentions the No Outsiders programme.

Your new request clarified:

Please restrict this to communications with Parkfield Community School in Birmingham.

We responded to this request to inform you that this request was not narrower in scope, and as such we requested clarification from you, to allow us to process your request.

You then narrowed your request to a time period of 6 months, from January to June 2019.

We therefore considered your new request to be for *all correspondence between the RSC office and Parkfield school on the No Outsiders programme between January and June 2019.*

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

The Department holds the information you have requested. However, the Department estimates that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the cost threshold applicable to central Government. This is £600 and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Your request exceeds the applicable cost threshold, as you have requested 'correspondence with Parkfield Community School' relating to the No Outsiders programme. As a Department, we hold a considerable amount of information on this, given that the Department has been providing support and guidance to the school on this subject for some time. Since your last request was received the amount of information we hold has increased.

Under Section 12 of the Act the Department is therefore not obliged to comply with your request and will not be processing it further.

If you were to make a new request for a narrower category of information or limit the scope of your request, the Department may be able to comply with your request within the cost limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case. **Narrowing your request *may* help us to search for information, but this does not necessarily mean that we will be able to comply with your request.**

It may help if I outline some possible ways of narrowing your request. You could consider narrowing your request to correspondence between the Department and Parkfield Community School, within a narrower time period or on a narrower topic.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, which were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Smith
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