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Dear Mr A Willmore

Freedom of Information Request - RF120191076

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 24 June 2019 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

Following my enquiry ref. CAS-5488821 which relates to a recent BBC News broadcast (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CjOCYzRSjQ>) I have been informed by the BBC Complaints Team that "it looks as though a small child brought into the office was rolling about on the floor for a moment" during the broadcast. The child appears to be unaccompanied.

While I consider it perfectly acceptable for parents to take children "to work", particularly during a weekend, I am mindful of the security and Health & Safety procedures that should be in place at a major broadcaster's news studio that young visitors are, presumably, asked to follow.

I would be grateful for details of the specific induction procedure for news studio visitors under the age of 18, including any rules that govern their behaviour when unaccompanied.

Under section 1(1) of the Act, we can confirm that the BBC does not hold this information.

The BBC has policies regarding Health and safety within the workplace. Please see the link below for the BBC safety policy http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/safety/documents/general-safety/BBC_Health_and_Safety_Policy_2017.pdf. Our website also contains helpful information regarding BBC Safety, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/safety>.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied that we have complied with the Act in responding to your request, you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager or legal adviser. Please contact us at the address above, explaining what you would like us to review and including your reference number. A request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of receiving the BBC's response to your original request.

If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. The contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 0303 123 1113 or see <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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