

29 September 2020

Mr Sumner

Sent by email to: request-690562-84a9e4df@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Sumner

FOI6177 - Freedom of Information Request

I write, on behalf of the Education Authority (EA), further to your Freedom of Information request which was received on 9 September 2020. I have set out below each of your information requests together with our response thereto.

- 1. I am requesting the names and postal and email addresses of all primary schools (and other educational settings) in Northern Ireland including any educational establishments that have primary aged pupils (4-11).**

I confirm that the Education Authority (EA) holds this information. However this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the FOIA because it is information that is reasonably accessible by other means.

You will find this information is available on the Department of Education's website. Their Schools Plus webpage gives a directory of institutions, including schools, youth clubs, containing contact information and relevant statistics. This can be accessed from the following URL: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus>.


If there is any reason why you believe that this information is not readily accessible to you because of your personal circumstances, please let me know. If you require access to the internet and do not have this at home, you may be able to use facilities of local public libraries, community centres, leisure centres or internet/cyber cafes.

- 2. Please include the age range of the pupils at each school (setting) and the number of pupils on roll.**

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You will find this information is available on the Department of Education's website from the following URL: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus>. There you will find that each school has its own webpage with the following details:

Statistical Information

<input type="text" value="Institution Search"/>	<input type="text" value="Institution Details"/>	<input type="text" value="Show in Google Maps"/>
	Enrolment	Pupils Teachers Religion Ethnicity Finance

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3. Please include the name of the current headteacher and the headteacher's email address. If not available, please provide an alternative contact email address for a senior leader in school.

Please see enclosed Microsoft Excel spreadsheet which contains a list of the current Principals ('Headteachers'), together, in each case, with a corresponding email address that may be used to contact each principal, 'care of', the school.

I can confirm that the Education Authority (EA) also holds specific, personal, email addresses for the Principals ('Headteachers') of Northern Ireland Primary Schools. In this case however, we will not be disclosing this information as we consider it to be exempt from disclosure. We are not obliged, under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to provide information that is the personal information of another person, if releasing that information would contravene any of the data protection principles. In this instance we consider the email addresses which we hold for the Principals of Northern Ireland schools to be personal data within the meaning of GDPR. We further consider that the release of this information would contravene GDPR principle (a) because there is no lawful basis for processing.

The terms of the exemption at Section 40 (2) of the FOIA means that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

Further guidance on the exemption which we have applied is provided by the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/refusing-a-request/>, see Section 40(2) - Personal Information and the additional ICO guidance, and in particular the guide 'Personal information (section 40 and regulation 13)' also linked there.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this response or the way in which we have handled your request, you may request a review of our decision or make a complaint by writing, within 2 months of this response to:

Head of Information Governance
Education Authority
1 Hospital Road
Omagh BT79 0AW

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your review or complaint, you may then refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please be aware that the Information Commissioner will be unlikely to make a decision until you have been through our internal procedure first. You may write to the Information Commissioner at:-

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF Tel: 01 625 54 57 45/0303 123 1113 Website: www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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