

16 September 2019

Our ref: 5581676

Thank you for your request received on 28 August 2019, for the following information:

**Dear Freedom of Information official.**

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:**

**1. I would be grateful if you could provide the latest available figures covering the period from 2016 until now; for the number of school age children in your authority recorded as Code B (educated offsite). Please exclude children on vocational courses and on work experience. I would like the figures broken down by school year please.**

**2. Please breakdown by:**

**i) Primary aged children, years 1 ' 6**

**ii) secondary aged children, years 7 - 11**

**3. Further could you specify if any schools (of all types) are not required to inform the authority when they categorise a child as educated offsite?**

**4. Have Ofsted issued any formal warnings to providers of Alternative Provision responsible for children funded by the authority. If, yes, please name the providers?**

**5. Please provide a list of AP providers known to the authority.**

**6. Could you please inform me as to whether it is the authority or the schools that fund alternative provision for children designated as Code B? If the authority pays for alternative provision does the school cease to receive funding for that child?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Response**

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We do not hold this information. You will need to contact schools directly.

Please see the link below:

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/directories/Directories.html?\\_pecid=373ac375-9115-4d18-8a58-ce6098691e0a&directoryId=54e3852a84ae7c28725849d1&list=true](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/directories/Directories.html?_pecid=373ac375-9115-4d18-8a58-ce6098691e0a&directoryId=54e3852a84ae7c28725849d1&list=true)

Schools (including academies) are considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to be public authorities in their own rights, and are subject to the FOIA in the same way as the council (albeit with different timescales to meet). It is therefore correct that the council does not hold this information, and that individual schools would need to be contacted.

***3. Further could you specify if any schools (of all types) are not required to inform the authority when they categorise a child as educated offsite?***

Schools are not required to inform the Local Authority unless the child is in receipt of an Education Health and Care Plan

***4. Have Ofsted issued any formal warnings to providers of Alternative Provision responsible for children funded by the authority. If, yes, please name the providers?***

No

***5. Please provide a list of AP providers known to the authority.***

We do not hold a list of AP providers. Our main providers are:

The Pavilion Study Centre (PRU)

Northgate School

Oak Hill Special Academy.

***6. Could you please inform me as to whether it is the authority or the schools that fund alternative provision for children designated as Code B? If the authority pays for alternative provision does the school cease to receive funding for that child?***

The schools fund alternative provision for children designated as Code B.

## **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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