

25 September 2019

Our ref: 5612636

Thank you for your request received on 10 September 2019, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the school admissions department for your borough.

Please could you let me know the following information:

- * the criteria that you use for defining 'reasonable travelling distances' for children travelling to and from primary school.**
- * Any guidance that you use in determining 'reasonable travelling distances' for children travelling to and from primary school. For example, do you use 'Home to school travel and transport statutory guidance'**

(Ref: DFE-00501-2014)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email and I will be happy to clarify what I am asking for. Thank you for your help and I look forward to your response.

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

Response

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the school admissions department for your borough.

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The home-to-school travelling distance is deemed as reasonable if it does not exceed

- 2 miles safe walking distance, for children below the age of 8; or
- 3 miles safe walking distance, for children aged between 8 and 16.

The Local Authority gives regard to the provisions of the '**Home to school travel and transport statutory guidance**' (Ref: DFE-00501-2014) and **Section 444(5) of the Education Act 1996**, in determining reasonable home-to-school travel distances.

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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