

25 September 2019

Our ref: 5602108

Thank you for your request received on 4 September 2019, for the following information:

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- 2019/20
- 2018/19
- 2017/18
- 2016/17
- 2015/14
- 2014/15

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

Response

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Please see attached, our position regarding school meal costs has not altered since the previous FOI. Please note that these prices also applied to the period September 2014 to March 2016 as there were no price rises in that period.

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Please see below:

Academic Year	# of Primary Schools in Contract	# of Secondary Schools in Contract
2016/17	70	9
2017/18	66	5
2018/19	64	5

I am afraid we do not have information on the number of schools before 2016/17

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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