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London Borough of Barnet,  
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London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 5917632

Thank you for your request received on 30 December 2019, for the following information:

**Hello, this is a Freedom of Information request about school finance.**

**Local authorities are able to claw back money from schools posting excess surplus balances (see 6.2:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schemes-for-financing-schools/schemes-for-financing-local-authority-maintained-schools>)**

**Please could you provide the following information:**

- 1. Does your local authority have a policy to claw back money from schools with excess surpluses?**
- 2. If so, what is that policy? Eg, does it apply to schools with a surplus worth x% of their income, or with a value exceeding a certain £?**
- 3. How many schools had money clawed back from their surplus in each of the following years: 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17?**
- 4. How many schools appealed the clawback in each of those three years?**
- 5. How many of the appeals were accepted, in each of those years?**
- 6. What was the total amount of money from schools' excess surpluses that was clawed back in each of those years?**

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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*Please could you provide the following information:*

**1. Does your local authority have a policy to claw back money from schools with excess surpluses?**

No

**2. If so, what is that policy? Eg, does it apply to schools with a surplus worth x% of their income, or with a value exceeding a certain £?**

N/A

**3. How many schools had money clawed back from their surplus in each of the following years: 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17?**

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**4. How many schools appealed the clawback in each of those three years?**

N/A

**5. How many of the appeals were accepted, in each of those years?**

N/A

**6. What was the total amount of money from schools' excess surpluses that was clawed back in each of those years?**

N/A

### **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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