

30 January 2020

Our ref: 5947264

Thank you for your request received on 10 January 2020, for the following information:

Dear council press team,

Please answer the below request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, within the legal 20- working day timeframe. Many thanks.

Please note the following definition: A private special needs school means not an academy, free school or local authority school. Instead it is a privately-run institution with fees, sometimes a charity and sometimes profit-making, usually for pupils on SEN Support or with an Education Health and Care Plan or other special educational need recognition. The definition does not include pupil referral units or alternative provision for excluded pupils.

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- 2. How much money did the local authority spend in total on funding pupil places in private special educational needs schools in the academic years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20?**
- 3. How many pupil places did the local authority fund in state-run, non-fee paying special needs schools in the academic years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20? (i.e. in local authority-run special needs schools or special needs academy/free schools)**
- 4. How much did the local authority spend in total on funding pupils in state-run, non-fee paying special needs schools in the academic years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20? (i.e. in local authority-run special needs schools or special needs academy/free schools)**
- 5. If there has been an increase or decrease in number of pupils in private special needs schools, please provide any reasons for this change.**

This response should not take you over the time limit for an FOI. Please provide at least the last 3 years of available data. Thank you very much.

Please see also attached spreadsheet to use for your responses. Many thanks.

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

Response

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Please note this information is available online via the below link:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/section-251-2019-to-2020>

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We are unable to comment as changes refer to individual cases

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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