

14 July 2020
Our ref: 6423652

Thank you for your request received on 8 July 2020, for the following information:

- 1. How many schools for the educationally subnormal (ESN) were there in your local authority in the '60s and '70s?**
- 2. What were the names and addresses of these ESN schools?**
- 3. What was the general population of these ESN schools and how many of the students who attended these ESN school were of West Indian or African heritage (sometimes called 'Immigrant children') in the '60s and '70s?**
- 4. What was the proportion of black children in ESN schools compared to black children in mainstream schools?**
- 5. Do you have on record the names of the teachers and head teachers that taught at ESN schools in the '60s and '70s?**
- 6. Do you have names of students or notable alumni that attending these ESN schools in the '60s and '70s?**

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

Response

I am looking for information to answer the following questions:

- 1. How many schools for the educationally subnormal (ESN) were there in your local authority in the '60s and '70s?***
- 2. What were the names and addresses of these ESN schools?***

Between 1976 & 1978 there were four ESN schools in and one residential.

Friern Barnet School, Oakleigh Road N20, (3 – 16+) mixed

Mapledown, Claremont Road NW2, (3 – 16+) mixed

Northway, The Fairway, NW7, (3 – 16+)

Oak Lodge, Heath View, N2, (3 – 16+)

Swaylands, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent (7 – 16+) residential.

Between 1972 & 1975 there were four and one residential.

Flower Lane, Flower Lane, NW7, (3 – 16+) mixed

Friern Barnet School, Oakleigh Road N20, (3 – 16+) mixed

Northway, The Fairway, NW7, (3 – 16+)

Oak Lodge, Heath View, N2, (3 – 16+)

Swaylands, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent (7 – 16+) residential.

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Oak Lodge, Heath View, N2, (3 – 16+)

Swaylands, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent (7 – 16+) residential.

3. What was the general population of these ESN schools and how many of the students who attended these ESN school were of West Indian or African heritage (sometimes called 'Immigrant children') in the '60s and '70s?

4. What was the proportion of black children in ESN schools compared to black children in mainstream schools?

Information may or may not be held, there is a charge for carrying out research so cannot say at this stage, see Further Information below.

5. Do you have on record the names of the teachers and head teachers that taught at ESN schools in the '60s and '70s?

We have the names of the headteachers.

6. Do you have names of students or notable alumni that attending these ESN schools in the '60s and '70s?

Information not held

Further information

We will have also sorts of information embedded within reports of and to the Education Committee from the 1960s and 1970s – all of which would ordinarily be openly available to the public.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries/local-studies-and-archives/local-studies-fees-and-charges>

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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Annex A – Making an appeal

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The Data Protection Officer

Information Management Team

London Borough of Barnet

North London Business Park

Oakleigh Road South

London N11 1NP

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates the implementation of the Data Protection Act 2018. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

website at www.ico.gov.uk.

Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Textphone: 01625 545860

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm

You can also chat online with an advisor.

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