

3 August 2020
Our ref: 6463840

Thank you for your request received on 28 July 2020, for the following information:

- 1. Please confirm that the primary AWPU that follows a pupil into a mainstream primary school/academy/ARP provision within your local authority is still £3,016.29. If it is different, please provide the new amount.**
- 2. We have reviewed the LA's pay scales document. What is the lowest possible point of entry on the scale for a newly qualified learning support assistant (employed full time), and what is the average the local authority pays to learning support assistants? Please can you confirm whether the document includes on-costs, e.g. national insurance.**
- 3. How many EHC plans does Barnet hold for children with ASD in Years 1 and 2, and of these, how many have a special school named in section I of their EHC plan?**
- 4. Please confirm the local authority still employs 3.15fte autism advisory teachers.**
- 5. How frequently did a local-authority-employed autism advisory teacher visit: Claremont Primary School in the academic year of 2018-2019? Please outline how much of this was general advice for the school and how much was for specific students at the school.**
- 6. If the local authority has to buy in ASD specialist teacher hours for students with ASD, please confirm the normal rate of pay for 1:1 tuition is still £65 per hour.**
- 7. Please confirm the cost to buy in the services of an independent OT or SLT if required is £75-£100 per session.**
- 8. Using Barnet's current travel arrangements or tenders with local taxi firms or transport services, please could you kindly confirm the daily cost of transporting a child from X to Claremont Primary School, and back, with and without a chaperone?**

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

Response

1. Please confirm that the primary AWPU that follows a pupil into a mainstream primary school/academy/ARP provision within your local authority is still £3,016.29. If it is different, please provide the new amount.

Key Stages: Primary (Years R – 6)
Amount Per Pupil: £3,139 rate for 2020/2021

2. We have reviewed the LA's pay scales document. What is the lowest possible point of entry on the scale for a newly qualified learning support assistant (employed full time), and what is the average the local authority pays to learning support assistants? Please can you confirm whether the document includes on-costs, e.g. national insurance.

The Local Authority does not pay LSA's. Schools are responsible for paying LSA's.

3. How many EHC plans does Barnet hold for children with ASD in Years 1 and 2, and of these, how many have a special school named in section I of their EHC plan?

ASD Year 1 – 85 EHC Plans, 19 of which have special school named in Section I of their EHCP

ASD Year 2 – 68 EHC Plans, 24 of which have special school named in Section I of their EHCP

4. Please confirm the local authority still employs 3.15fte autism advisory teachers.

Team is now at 4.0 capacity.

5. How frequently did a local-authority-employed autism advisory teacher visit:

Claremont Primary School

in the academic year of 2018-2019? Please outline how much of this was general advice for the school and how much was for specific students at the school.

10 times for students. Please note that direct casework is only carried out with pupils when a referral is made to the Autism Advisory Team. The level of support receives as direct casework depends on the individual needs of the pupils, the criteria for the level of support provided is described in the "Working With the Autism Team" document.

6. If the local authority has to buy in ASD specialist teacher hours for students with ASD, please confirm the normal rate of pay for 1:1 tuition is still £65 per hour.

This is £70 an hour for additional support, however we do not do 1:1 tuition. We only work in an advisory capacity.

7. Please confirm the cost to buy in the services of an independent OT or SLT if required is £75-£100 per session.

No change

8. Using Barnet's current travel arrangements or tenders with local taxi firms or transport services, please could you kindly confirm the daily cost of transporting a child from N2 0ES to Claremont Primary School, and back, with and without a chaperone?

Range is from £120 - £150 per day

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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