



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
15 November 2020  
Our ref: 6726048

Dear Mr Matthew Kerr,

Thank you for your request received on 22 October 2020, for the following information:

**I would like to request the following information:**

- \* A copy of the Council's current operational guidance for SEND High Needs Funding allocation (a URL to current policy document would be fine);**
  - \* Information that describes 'banding' or 'element' arrangements that the Council uses to guide its allocation of High Needs Block funding;**
  - \* Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band or element attracts in the current academic year (2020-21);**
  - \* Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band or element attracted for each of the last two academic years (2018-19 and 2019-20).**
- If funding allocations for each band/element in 2020-21 are identical to those in 2018-19 and/or 2019-20, please say so.  
- If it is more efficient for you to provide these allocations based on financial years rather than academic years, please use financial years instead.  
- If the Council has changed its banding arrangements during the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 periods, please provide information showing the previous banding arrangements as well as the current ones.

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached.

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- \* A copy of the Council's current operational guidance for SEND High Needs Funding allocation (a URL to current policy document would be fine);**

We follow the High Needs operational guidance issued by Government.  
<https://www.gov.uk/education/funding-for-high-needs>

**\* Information that describes 'banding' or 'element' arrangements that the Council uses to guide its allocation of High Needs Block funding;**

See link below:

[https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/senco\\_zone/documents/1091-sen-exceptional-circumstances-funding-guidance-notes.pdf](https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/senco_zone/documents/1091-sen-exceptional-circumstances-funding-guidance-notes.pdf)

Also attached is the Special School Descriptors and the banding values showing how bands are connected to hours of support which ties back to the banding values.

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Please see attached spreadsheet with 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 data.

### **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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