



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
5 May 2021
Our ref: 7278300

Thank you for your request received on 3 May 2021, for the following information:

Would like to approach the information department or else the children's department in your local authority in order to obtain the latest statistical update on the number of Polish-speaking children in your schools, including first schools, high schools, special schools, sixth form schools and, where possible, academies in your borough.

I know that this has been a particularly difficult year because of the interruptions caused by the covid lockdown and no count could have taken place traditionally in January.

However if a count was made in the early spring of this year I would be grateful if you could advise the figure in the usual way as you have kindly done every year since I first approached all 33 London boroughs in 2007.

If for some reason no count of languages was taken in your borough this year then please also advise me of that.

I enclose the statistics for the past years and I hope you will be able to let me have the relevant statistics for spring 2021 as quickly as is convenient for you.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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Number of Polish-speaking children in Maintained Schools: 865

Number of Polish-speaking children in Academy Schools: 275

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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