

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
1 October 2021
Our ref: 7640268

Thank you for your request received on 29 August 2021, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please disclose under the Freedom Of Information Act:

a) how many independent (fee-paying) schools there are in your area which are also charities (and therefore qualify for mandatory business-rates tax relief).

b) the amount of business rates these same schools paid collectively in financial year 2019/20.

Please provide this information to me electronically. I understand that under the Act I am entitled to receipt of this information within 20 working days of the date on this email.

If you require any clarification please contact me; please anyway acknowledge receipt of this request.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

a) how many independent (fee-paying) schools there are in your area which are also charities (and therefore qualify for mandatory business-rates tax relief).

Using the DfES register of independent schools located in the London Borough of Barnet available at [Search results for " - GOV.UK \(get-information-schools.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-information-schools.service.gov.uk) I can confirm that there are 10 independent schools registered for the Business Rates which are also charities.

b) the amount of business rates these same schools paid collectively in financial year 2019/20.

The schools collectively paid approximately £124,000.00 in relation to the 2019/20 financial year.

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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