

London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 7763088

Thank you for your request received on 25 October 2021, for the following information:

**1.How many children in your LA received Free School Meals?**

**2.On average how much money does the LA spend on supporting children receive their Free School Meals?**

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

### **Response**

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

***1.How many children in your LA received Free School Meals?***

10,782

***2.On average how much money does the LA spend on supporting children receive their Free School Meals?***

Schools receive money from the LA for children entitled to free school meals as part of their budget share, However, the Local Authority does not know how much of their budget share is spent specifically supporting these children. Schools have a delegated budget and spend as they see fit. You will need to contact schools directly.

Please see the link below: [Schools | Barnet Council](#)

### **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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