

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue  
Colindale  
NW9 4EW  
1 December 2022  
Our ref: 8743478

Thank you for your request received on 29 November 2022, for the following information:

**Hello,**

**This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please can you provide me with the number of children (primary + secondary) in your local authority who are currently missing out on free school meals that they're entitled to.**

**If necessary, please separate primary and secondary.**

**If you require a date range, please provide me with a figure from 2021-present.**

**I have tried to refine this request, but if you need me to clarify anything I would really appreciate it if you could contact me at your earliest convenience.**

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 the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

You will need to contact schools directly. Please see the link below:

[Schools | Barnet Council](#)

Schools (including academies) are considered under the Freedom of Information Act

(FOIA) to be public authorities in their own rights, and are subject to the FOIA in the same way as the council (albeit with different timescales to meet) and that the individual schools would need to be contacted for this information

## **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/>

### **Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing**

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.**

### **Your rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: [foi@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:foi@barnet.gov.uk). Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.