

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

13 April 2023
Our ref: 9487696

Thank you for your request received on 28 March 2023, for the following information:

- Under FOI Act please can you supply the following information:
- The number of primary school children in the borough
- The number of primary school children currently on free school meals
- The names of the suppliers of free school meals in the borough
- Current estimates of the costs of preparation for the roll out of universal free school meals in September
- Correspondence between schools and council about the roll-out and any council reports

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.

- The number of primary school children in the borough

Maintained - 25319

Academy - 5393

- The number of primary school children currently on free school meals

Maintained - 4948

Academy - 1238

- The names of the suppliers of free school meals in the borough

The Local Authority does not hold this information. Schools source their suppliers, so you will have to contact them directly. Please see the following link to our school contacts: [Schools | Barnet Council](#)

- Current estimates of the costs of preparation for the roll out of universal free school meals in September

The Local Authority does not hold this information.

- Correspondence between schools and council about the roll-out and any council reports

There has been no correspondence between schools and the Local Authority, concerning the roll out to date.

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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