

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

1 February 2024  
Our ref: 11480672

Thank you for your request received on 29 January 2024, for the following information:

**How many schools in your local authority area have sought exemptions from the legal requirement to hold a daily act of Christian worship in each of the following years: 2022-2023, 2022-2021, 2021-2020, 2020-2019, 2019-2018? For each instance, please specify whether permission was granted, and whether the school/s have suggested alternative arrangements such as, for example, holding no faith or multi faith assemblies.**

**If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.**

**If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.**

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

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We can confirm that Barnet SACRE has not received any requests for determinations from 2018 to date.

Determinations are a permanent agenda item at the SACRE meetings and the details are recorded and shared in the annual reports that are submitted to the DfE and NASACRE. These are shared on the Barnet website on the following link [Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education \(SACRE\) | Barnet - WWC.](#)

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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