

Response to Request for Information

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Playgrounds closures, sell offs and playground budgets

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information on the following:

1. How many children's playgrounds were managed by the local authority in each year from 2009-10?

	TRADITIONAL PLAY	NATURAL PLAY	TOTAL
2009/10	47	27	74
2010/11	47	27	74
2011/12	47	28	75
2012/13	47	29	76
2013/14	49	27	76
2014/15	50	24	74
2015/16	51	23	74
2016/17	50	20	70
2017/18	49	9	58
2018/19	50	9	59

2. How many children's playgrounds have been closed in each year since 2009-10?

	TRADITIONAL PLAY	NATURAL PLAY
2009/10		
2010/11		
2011/12		
2012/13		1
2013/14		1
2014/15		3
2015/16	1	
2016/17	1	3
2017/18	2	10
2018/19		

3. How many children's playgrounds have been opened in each year since 2009-10?

	TRADITIONAL PLAY	NATURAL PLAY
2009/10	1	27
2010/11		1
2011/12		
2012/13	1	1
2013/14	2	
2014/15	1	
2015/16	1	
2016/17		
2017/18		
2018/19	1	

4. How much local authority money has been spent on children's playgrounds in each year since 2009-10?

BUDGET FOR PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

(Includes Play Areas/Skate Parks / Multiball Courts/Fitness Equipment)

Year	£'000
2009/10	91
2010/11	116
2011/12	101
2012/13	156
2013/14	118
2014/15	110
2015/16	109
2016/17	84
2017/18	84
2018/19	84

5. How many children's playgrounds are proposed for closure within the next year (ie 2019-20)?

No children's playgrounds are proposed for closure in 2019/20.

6. How much do you propose to spend on children's playgrounds in 2019-20?

£83,350.

7. How many children's playgrounds have been sold off to private buyers since 2009-10, who were the buyers and how much were they sold for?

None within Parks and Green Spaces.