



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003632
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Primary or Secondary School that has Altered the Length of its School Day

Request:

Please, to the best of your knowledge, could you provide the following information:

- 1) The name of any primary or secondary school maintained by your local authority that has altered the length of its school day since 1st May 2015.
- 2) The nature of the change to the school day, for example:
 - a. whether it has been lengthened or shortened and by how long;
 - b. whether it applies to just one day of the week or to all days.
- 3) The date the change in the length of the school day took effect.

In addition, please could you provide the same information for other state schools within your council's area that are not local authority maintained. However, I appreciate that this information may not be collected centrally by you.

In response to your above questions, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as current government policy is that schools and academies can change their days with governing body approval. Several of our schools have done this (and have consulted locally) and some tell us informally when they have made a change, but we do not hold any data on it.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".