

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Please can you tell me whether you are aware of any attempts by parent/s to mislead the authorities/schools about where they live (ie by giving an address of a property that is not their primary home) in order to gain a place for their child at a school for which they would not otherwise be eligible?

If so, can you provide me with all details and say what action was taken?

ANSWER:

Information relating to period prior to 2009/10 was not recorded and is therefore not available.

2009/10

Number of investigations - 5

Reason for investigating - "Incorrect" addresses claiming residence in the priority area

Number of cases found to be outside the rules - 3

Number of places withdrawn – 2_In addition one parent withdrew their application before our enquiries were completed..

Number of schools involved -_4. Overdale, Dovelands, Montrose and King Richard III – all primary schools.

Number of prosecutions -_None

2010/2011

Number of investigations - 0

2011-2012

Number of investigations - 6

Reasons for investigating - "Incorrect" addresses claiming residence in the priority area

Number of cases found to be outside the rules - 2

Number of places withdrawn - 2

Number of schools involved - 2 Rushey Mead School and Soar Valley College – both secondary schools..

Number of prosecutions - None

2012-2013 (part year only)

Number of investigations - 2

Reasons for investigating - “Incorrect” addresses claiming residence in the priority area

Number of cases found to be outside the rules - 1

Number of places withdrawn - 1

Number of schools involved – 1 Dovelands Primary School.

Number of prosecutions - None

Council’s policy on fraudulent applications

The Council is concerned about fraudulent applications primarily because such applications deny a place to an entitled child. There is no evidence that the level of fraudulent applications in Leicester is a serious problem but the Council continues to be vigilant.

The Council has stepped up its efforts to deter and detect any such fraud. Documentation and forms relating to applications have been amended to strengthen statements about fraudulent applications and to make it even clearer to parents what information they should provide.

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Information and Support
Leicester City Council**

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