

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:

A full breakdown of the number of fraudulent school applications detected over the last three years.

2009/10

Number of investigations

5

Reason for investigating

"Incorrect" addresses claiming residence in the priority area

Number of cases proven

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Number of places withdrawn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 proven

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Number of places withdrawn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

Number of investigations

4

Reasons for investigating

"Incorrect" addresses claiming residence in the priority area

Number of cases proven

2

Two of the cases not yet concluded.

Number of places withdrawn

1

In one of the cases the child had not been allocated therefore withdrawal of the place was not appropriate. However position on the waiting list was amended to reflect the "correct" address.

Number of schools involved

2.

Dovelands Primary School and Rushey Mead secondary 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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