

## **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 could you provide details of any new high school buildings (high schools to include all secondary education facilities) constructed within the last 10 years, including but not limited to their dates of construction, the details of the architects/architectural firms involved in their designs (if known), the contact details for any of you own council's architects involved in their construction, and basic floor plans for each (with room names/purposes). Also, could you please provide similar details for any High Schools which have been completely or partially (greater than 50%) refurbished, plus any High Schools which have undergone significant extensions.**

### **ANSWER**

In Leicester City our secondary schools incorporate ages 11-16 and sometimes post-16 education. In the last 10 years significant new build and refurbishment works have been undertaken under the Building Schools for the Future programme commonly known as BSF. You can find details of this on the BSF pages of the Leicester City Council's website: [www.leicester.gov.uk/bsf](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/bsf).

Also see the attached list for your information – 4874 Attachment.

Leicester City Council's contract is with Leicester Miller Education Company (LMEC). They hold the information relating to architects, sub-contractors, etc.

Their address is:  
Leicester Miller Education Company  
16 New Walk  
Leicester City  
LE1 6UB

The Council does not hold the information that you have requested. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

**Please could you also provide contact details for the senior management teams of the aforementioned high schools, and details of whether any of the new high schools have been direct replacements for a previous high school.**

In addition to local authority controlled schools there are also a number of

academies and free schools in Leicester including Madani High School, The Krishna Avanti School, The Falcon School and the Samworth Academy. These are not controlled by the council and the council does not hold the information concerning their senior management teams. You would have to contact these establishments directly for this. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

The names of each local authority controlled school are freely available on the council's website with full contact details for each school including the current Head Teacher/Principal, <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/education-lifelong-learning/about-schools/>.

For your information this part of the letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means, e.g. the Council Website, as it is already in the public domain.

**Could you also please provide any information you have on the design methodology used by your council in the building/refurbishment of high schools, particularly where this relates to reducing bullying and improving pupil performance, and details of any Government Programmes/Publications which have had an impact on the design of high schools in your local authority area.**

With regard to design methodology, Leicester City Council adopts the principles of 'secured by design' taking into consideration aspects such as:

- building mass
- roof types
- choice of materials
- access and security including layered security systems
- provision of passive surveillance - where key management and staff work areas within a school are strategically located to overlook corridors and student spaces to deter anti-social behaviour and improve safety within the school community

Security devices including cameras, alarms, ironmongery, access control arrangements, and landscaping features are also used as added security measures, again to ensure pupil safety within the school and provide a level of control.

Open-plan toilet areas are being increasingly used to deter anti-social behaviour such as vandalism and bullying, whilst still providing privacy for users. Hand washing areas are designed to be open and overlooked and in extreme cases are covered by CCTV.

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**Information Governance Manager**  
**Information and Customer Access**  
**Leicester City Council**  
**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**  
**New Walk Centre**  
**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)

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**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
**Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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