

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:

Could you please supply me with the number of teachers who were suspended in the last academic year, what for and how each case has been dealt with ie – returned to school following disciplinary, left the school before an investigation concluded, dismissed from school.

Can you tell me what each suspension is for, as well as each dismissal?

Can you also tell me how many suspensions are pending investigation currently?

How many teachers currently are suspended on full pay while an investigation is carried out and what are these investigations for? How long have they been suspended on full pay?

Response

Please find the relevant information attached.

We are unable to provide information regarding the detail of each case or dates regarding the time scale of a suspension. This detail would clearly identify the teacher in question; therefore, the following exemption applies:

S40 Personal Information

S40 applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act. This is because any release would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act (1998).

One of the main differences between the Data Protection Act (1998) and the Freedom of Information Act (2000) is that any information released under FOI is released into the public domain, not just to the individual requesting the information.

As such, any release that identifies an individual through releasing their personal data, even third party personal data, is exempt.

Personal data is defined under the Data Protection Act (1998) as data that is biographical in nature, has the applicant as its focus and/or affects the data subject's privacy in his or her personal, professional or business life.

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Not all the information that is supplied which is covered by copyright will be the Council's copyright, for example it may be the copyright of a government department or another Council. You should seek either the Council's consent or their consent as appropriate. The Council is willing to advise you of any such potential issues on request. In order to make a request to re-use the information please contact the Head of Information Governance using the details below.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Head of Information Governance
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

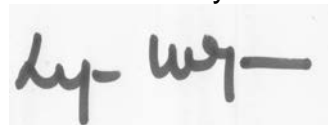
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



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