FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Children Educated at Home

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

You asked:

Please could you tell me how many children in your local authority area are educated at home? Please could you provide a break down of this figure in terms of the ethnic background of the pupils?

Please find the relevant information attached.

The government has acknowledged that not all those who receive their education at home are known to their local authority. So, a second request: please could you tell me your estimate of the total number of children being educated at home in your area?

It would be impossible to estimate the number of parents' home educating their children where this information had not been declared to the local authority. This therefore is 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 the council.

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

Information Governance Manager 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 Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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