

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:

The number of teaching assistants and higher level teaching assistants employed within primary schools in the local authority area each year since 2009/10.

Please provide the information in the following format:

- 1. Provide data for each financial year, by giving the overall headcount (and, if available, FTE) staffing numbers as of the start of each financial year – i.e. 01/04/09, 01/04/10, 01/04/11, 01/04/12.**
- 2. Provide the annual data broken down by staffing category. As a guide, these might include:**
 - a. Teaching Assistant – Special Schools**
 - b. Teaching Assistant – Mainstream**
 - c. Teaching Assistant – Mainstream/CPD Co-ordinator Role**
 - d. Teaching Assistant (Band 2)**
 - e. Teaching Assistant (Band 3)**
 - f. Teaching Assistant (Band 1)**
 - g. Teaching Assistant (Special Schools) B/2**
 - h. Teaching Assistant (Special Schools) Band 1**
 - i. Higher Level Teaching Assistant**

The list of categories the local authority uses to respond to this request will depend on how the authority categorises and sub-categorises teaching assistants (the non-exhaustive list above is from Cornwall)

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
Teaching Assistant L1	22	10.89	63	35.02	62	29.37	71	33.98
Teaching Assistant L2	576	344.66	520	322.88	512	274.05	465	249.9
Teaching Assistant L3	222	158.66	214	157.02	209	133.75	218	139.8
Teaching Assistant L4	16	6.11	60	37.47	56	31.50	70	36.7
TA	501	303.42	505	320.93	480	267.07	450	251.99
HLTA	105	73.99	112	79.84	109	62.42	111	64.99
Grand Total	1443	897.74	1474	953.15	1428	798.15	1385	777.36

3. Please state the number of primary schools covered by the data for each year

2009,2010, 2011 – 77 Primary Schools
2012 – 76 Primary Schools

4. Explain whether the data includes primary schools that have academy status

No

5. Please provide the number of hours the authority required to locate and extract the requested data

3 Hours

Academies:

If in response to point 4 of this request, the authority states that the data does not include teaching assistants employed at primary schools with academy status, the following provisions also apply to the data from 2011 and 2012:

6. State the number of primary schools in the local authority area that had academy status on 1st April 2011 and 1st April 2012 respectively

April 2011 – 0 April 2012 – 1

7. Provided the response to part 6 of this request is not 'zero' for both years, please state how many of the teaching assistants for 2010 and 2011 respectively were employed in schools that had achieved academy status by the following year (i.e. how many of the teaching assistants listed for April 2010 were at schools that had achieved academy status by April 2011, and the same again for April 2011 vis-à-vis April 2012)

April 2011 – 19 (School achieved academy status on:31/03/2012)

8. In the event that responding to part 7 of this request would not be possible within the section 12 time limit, please instead provide the total combined school roll for the schools covered by the response to this request (i.e. non-academy primary schools) for April 2010, April 2011 and April 2012 respectively, and then the total combined school roll for primary schools with academy status at April 2011 and April 2012 respectively

Not applicable

Whilst I recognise that parts 7 and 8 of this request are complex, they are to ensure the data can be placed within the context of the reduced number of schools that the data covers year-on-year. They are necessary for contextual accuracy.

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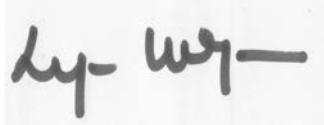
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager