

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:

In January 2011 I wrote to all local authorities in England to ask which were using Alternative Provision Funding to pay for FE Courses or SEN support where children were home educated. I published a Funding Report in May 2011 and the subject was discussed in the House of Commons in September 2011 leading to revised Guidance and FAQ on Alternative Provision Funding 2011 as it relates to children whose parents elect to educate them at home.

The Education Committee is currently conducting an Inquiry into Local Authority Support for Home Educators which closes on July 9th 2012. More information can be found here <http://edyourself.org/articles/funding.php> and here <http://edyourself.org/news/index.php#290512cominghomeedsupport>

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1/ Did the authority claim Alternative Provision Funding during the academic year 2011-12 for children who were educated at home by parental choice?

As far as the Special Education Service is concerned we have not claimed Alternative Provision Funding

2/ If answering yes to Question 1/ did the authority claim for a/ SEN support or b/ FE courses or c/ a package of exam support.

N/A

3/ Has a decision been taken on whether the local authority will be claiming Alternative Provision Funding for children educated at home by parental choice for the academic year 2012-13?

Whilst a decision has not been taken, the LA would be interested in claiming funds for home educated children and will need to give this further consideration.

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Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

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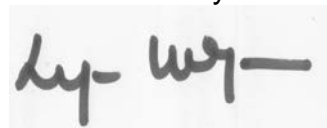
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Yours sincerely



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