

From: FOI Responses
Sent: 27 May 2025 16:52
To: 
Subject:
Attachments:

Good morning

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 14 May 2025, for information about school finances.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

1. A list of all LA-maintained schools in the local authority area and the following information for 2023/24:
 - a. the type of school (nursery, primary, secondary, PRU, special etc)
 - b. each school's unique reference number (URN)
 - c. each school's in-year financial outturn – i.e. the surplus or deficit the school recorded on its revenue budget in 2023/24
 - d. each school's cumulative outturn balance at the end of 2023/24 (i.e. factoring in previous years)

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information you have requested has been published by the DfE as part of the Financial Benchmarking and Insights Tool and is available at: <https://financial-benchmarking-and-insights-tool.education.gov.uk/>

Request:

2. A list of all LA-maintained schools in the local authority area and the following information for 2024/25:
 - a. the type of school (nursery, primary, secondary, PRU, special etc)
 - b. each school's unique reference number (URN)
 - c. each school's in-year financial outturn – i.e. the surplus or deficit the school recorded on its revenue budget in 2024/25 (please use the most up to date figures available)
 - d. each school's cumulative outturn balance at the end of 2024/25 (i.e. factoring in previous years) (please use the most up to date figures available)

Response:

- 2a) and 2b): As above, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information you have requested has been published by the DfE as part of the Financial Benchmarking and Insights Tool and is available at: <https://financial-benchmarking-and-insights-tool.education.gov.uk/>
- 2c): Please see the information contained within the attached spreadsheet.
- 2d): Please see the information contained within the attached spreadsheet.

Request:

3. A list of all LA-maintained schools in the local authority area and the following information for 2025/26:

- a. the type of school (nursery, primary, secondary, PRU, special etc)
- b. each school's unique reference number (URN)
- c. the forecast in-year financial outturn (as defined in question 1c) for 2025/26 for each LA-maintained school in the local authority area
- d. the forecast cumulative outturn balance (as defined in question 1d) for the end of 2025/26 for each LA-maintained school in the local authority area

Response:

3a) and 3b): As above, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information you have requested has been published by the DfE as part of the Financial Benchmarking and Insights Tool and is available at: <https://financial-benchmarking-and-insights-tool.education.gov.uk/>

3c) and 3d): City of Doncaster Council do not currently hold this information as this has not yet been provided by schools on their 2025-26 budget. It is estimated that this information will be available by 30 June 2025.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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