FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 461/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request the following information about home-schooling in your local education authority area.

Please could you provide data for each of the following queries for the 5 latest available academic years, broken down by year:

1. Number of children taken out of school, where home-schooling has been given as reason for withdrawal?

   Answer:

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2. Breakdown of children by sex, at the point at which they are taken out of school?

   Answer: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this email message acts as a Refusal Notice.

   We can confirm that we hold the information however we are unable to supply it as we consider this information to be exempt due to the low number of individuals identified.

   The Council is relying on Section 40(2) – personal information in that it believes the exemption applies because the information is personal information and we believe that disclosure would not be fair or lawful because it would breach the first data protection principle as outlined in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998. We consider that these individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

3. Breakdown of children by ethnicity, at the point at which they are taken out of school?

   Answer: We are unable to supply this information as it is exempt due to the low number of individuals identified.
Answer: Ethnicity is not recorded

4. Reasons for withdrawing (please specify category and number of children within each category)?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

5. Number of home-educated children returning into mainstream education at some point before age 18?

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6. Number of School Attendance Notices issued?

Answer: None

7. Number of school Attendance Orders issued?

Answer: None

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Yours faithfully

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