Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

We are keen to understand the trends in elective home education as we are aware there is a growing trend towards homeschooling.

In order to properly meet the needs of elective home-educated pupils in the future with structured and properly supported courses we need to understand where the demand is likely to be greatest both now and in the future.

To this end we would like to see how Home Education has grown over the past 5 years by age group in your Council authority and would like to request the following data;

1. Number of primary age children in elective home education in 2013
   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.

2. Number of secondary age children in elective home education in 2013
   Answer: *

3. Number of primary age children in elective home education in 2018
   Answer: *
4. Number of secondary age children in elective home education in 2018
   Answer: None

We believe you are likely to hold this information split by primary and secondary ages. However, if this is not available then we would like the following instead;

5. Total number of children in elective home education in 2013
   Answer: Not Applicable

6. Total number of children in elective home education in 2018
   Answer: Not Applicable

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Yours faithfully

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