

21 March 2016

Our Ref: e18777

Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information which was received on 7 March 2016 has been considered.

Please find our response below.

Your request:

Please can you provide:

- 1) % of first choice applications to Turing House School in September 2015 by ward.
- 2) % of offers to Turing House School in September 2015 by ward.
- 3) % of first choice applications to Turing House School in September 2016 by ward.
- 4) % of first round of offers to Turing House School in September 2016 by ward.

I would also appreciate the update of the second and subsequent rounds of offers for September 2016 when that information becomes available later on.

Our response:

We do not retain admissions address data by electoral ward, as residence by ward plays no part in determining whether or not children are offered places at any school within the borough or elsewhere.

The offers for September 2015 entry by type are published on page 35 of the Secondary Admissions brochure which can be found on the Richmond website. Here is the link

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/secondary_admission.pdf

In accordance with the provisions of s22 of the FOIA, we are exempt from releasing data about the offers of places at Turing House School, as we intend to publish it in the Richmond Secondary Admissions brochure 2017.

It may assist you to note further admissions brochures will be published via:

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/secondary_school_admissions.htm

Kind regards

Data Protection and Information Officer

Appendix 1

Section 22: Information intended for future publication

Section 22 of the FOIA says that information is exempt if, at the time a public authority receives a request for it:

- The public authority holds it with a view to its publication;
- The public authority or another person intends to publish the information at some future date, whether determined or not; and
- In all the circumstances it is reasonable to withhold the information prior to publication.

Richmond Council confirms that it holds the information and that it is intended for publication on its website.

Richmond Council considers it is reasonable to withhold the statistics prior to publication as this is in accordance with usual practices and information should be disclosed in the same format to maintain a consistent approach.

As we consider the exemption is therefore engaged, we will now explain our decision with regards to the public interest in disclosure.

Public Interest in Disclosure

Richmond Council acknowledges a generic public interest in transparency.

Public Interest in maintaining the exemption

Information Commissioner Decision Notice [FS50209662](#) outlines that the balance of the public interest must focus on whether in the circumstances of the case it would be in the public interest for the public authority to keep to its original timetable for disclosure or whether in the circumstances of the case the public interest would warrant an earlier disclosure.

Richmond Council considers it is in the general public interest to disclose the information at the intended time and that there is no specific or pressing public interest in providing the information before the usual date. We consider it would not be in the public interest to prematurely disclose information if to do so may mean it is read out of the context of the overall usual disclosure.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a partial Refusal Notice

You have the right of appeal against the decision. If you wish to appeal please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send to:

Corporate Complaints and Access to Information Manager
Community Engagement and Accountability Team
Adult and Community Services
3rd Floor Civic Centre
44 York Street
Twickenham
TW1 3BZ
E-mail: foi@richmond.gov.uk

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal appeal you may appeal further to the Information Commissioner's Office at:

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