

Reference: RFI 1705045

Request:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request details relating to total spend on textbooks in your Local Education Authority.

In particular, I would like to request the following information:

1. How much was spent on textbooks in total by a) primary schools and b) secondary schools in each of the last five financial years?

We do not hold individual school spend down to a specific level of expenditure. The information we hold is taken from the schools Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) submission which is reported to the DfE annually in July. This is based on the DfE expenditure and income coding structure and does not give detail down to the specific level of textbooks. The costs of the textbooks will be included in learning resources CFR code E19 - see Q 2.

2. How much was spent in total on all classroom learning resources by a) primary schools and b) secondary schools, with an indication of what resources this would cover, in each of the last five financial years.

Table below shows the spend in the CFR category E19 Learning resources

£	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
a) Primary	2,341,428	2,395,814	2,680,959	3,016,274	3,164,791
b) Secondary	2,553,452	2,654,943	2,118,625	2,135,101	1,937,143

E19: learning resources

Includes:

- achievement gifts and prizes awarded to pupils
- books (library and text books)
- charges for the school library
- classroom and learning equipment (excluding ICT equipment)
- curriculum transport, including minibus expenses such as maintenance, tax, fuel (excludes insurance see E23)
- furniture used for teaching purposes
- pupil travel for work experience placements
- purchase, lease, hire or maintenance contracts of audio-visual or other equipment used for teaching
- reprographic resources and equipment used specifically for teaching purposes
- school trips and educational visits
- servicing and repairs to musical instruments and PE equipment used as part of the curriculum
- subscriptions, publications, periodicals and copyright fees associated with the curriculum, including sums delegated by the LA (not nationally administered licences purchased by the Secretary of State)
- teaching materials
- television licence fees used for teaching purposes 23
- payments to alternative provision services including pupil referral units (PRU), non-maintained special schools (NMSS), and independent schools
- primary school PIP examination costs
- payments made to students in receipt of the 16-19 Bursary Fund

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3. What was the total amount of funding provided for all proposes to a) primary and b) secondary schools in the Local Education Authority in each of the last five financial years and how many schools that funding related to.

The information below takes into account the CFR income codes I01 to I06 which covers all grants received and allocated to schools.

£	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
a) Primary	56,492,249	57,773,941	61,241,491	63,962,575	64,637,808
b) Secondary	66,251,227	60,995,961	60,410,415	57,816,529	56,991,511
Number of schools	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
a) Primary	56	56	55	54	54
b) Secondary	15	14	14	14	14

The change in number of schools is due to the transition to academy status.

4. What was the number of a) primary school and b) secondary school children in the Local Education Authority in each of the last five financial years?

The table below showing the pupil numbers in taken at a census date and includes nursery children in the primary schools count and Post 16 students in secondary schools count. The expenditure in Question 2 would have included spend on these pupils.

Number of pupils	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
a) Primary	14,984	15,274	15,218	15,089	15,298
b) Secondary	13,288	11,143	10,988	10,493	10,298