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Request:

Could you please let me know the following:

1) According to your most up to date information, which schools in the North Tyneside area provide halal meat dinners for children, and for how long?

a) Could you please name them?

b) Could you also state the percentage of muslim children in these schools? (best guess estimate in the case that accurate figures are not available please).

We do not use halal meat.

2) If schools serve halal meat is there also a non-halal meat option for non-muslim children at the same time?

We do not use halal meat.

3) Is the non-halal option a meat meal?

There are a wide selection of both meat and non meat options.

4) Do the schools which provide halal meat dinners also serve pork and beef?

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6) What is the cost per head difference in supply of cultural meals such as halal compared to "normal" menus, and how does that impact on each individual school budget?

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7) What consultation took place with parents who are not muslim or do not agree with the halal slaughter process before instilling halal food into the school menus? The halal slaughter process is opposed by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals who stated: "A large cut made across the neck of a conscious animal would "result in very significant pain and distress" before the animal loses consciousness"., and "Slaughter without pre-stunning is unacceptable and that the Government should repeal the current exemption". (further details can be found on the RSPCA website)?

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7) How often is this information updated and monitored, and in the case of the information above, how recent is the information?

The tender for the purchase of meat for school meals excludes halal meat. Audits of the supply chain are made to ensure the meat is of the required specification. The above information is up to date as of today's date.

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