

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019006**
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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)**
Title: **Free schools**
Description: **Payments for free schools from when they open, even if they are not established as a result of a “basic need” identified by local officials.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Hello there,

Please could you answer the below under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

My questions relate to this story: <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/no-council-cash-for-new-free-schools-in-manchester/>

I understand that from 2016-17, councils have had to pay for free schools from when they open, even if they are not established as a result of a “basic need” identified by local officials.

Please answer:

1. The names of all the free schools which were opened **both** as the result of a “basic need” identified by local officials and those which opened not as the result of a “basic need” identified by local officials, please, for each of the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (as academic years if possible.)
2. How much money the council provided to each school (including both the free schools opened as a result of basic need and **not** opened as a result of basic need).
3. Please indicate if the council failed to fully fund any of the schools or refused to fund any of the free schools, and by how much they were not funded.

It would be easiest for me if this was presented as an excel spreadsheet, with academic year, and then the names of free schools, their status as opened as the result of basic need or not, and whether the school was fully funded or not, clearly displayed.

Many thanks,

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
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