

13 November 2019

Ms Barnes
(via email: sophiebarnes86@gmail.com)

Dear Ms Barnes

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request sent via email and received by us on 13 September 2019. Please accept our apologies with the delay in getting this information to you.

Your request was in the form of the following questions:

1. Please can you tell me how many pupils have been physically restrained by staff and how many times each pupil has been restrained over the past five years at each of the academy trust's schools?
2. Without giving identifiable details of the pupils, please can you tell me the reason why physical restraint was used and how long the pupil was restrained for.

For the avoidance of doubt, here is the Department for Education's definition of restraint - 'Restraint means to hold back physically or to bring a pupil under control. It is typically used in more extreme circumstances, for example when two pupils are fighting and refuse to separate without physical intervention.'

The answers to your questions can be found in the attached documentation.

I hope that this answers your request satisfactorily.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should e-mail admin@bfet.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints' procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

Chief Executive Officer
On behalf of Bright Futures Educational Trust