



Our ref: ATISN 12635

15 October 2018

Dear ,

ATISN 12635: School Uniform Grant and Pupil Development Grant

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 September 2018. You asked for the following information, since and including 28 March 2018 to the most up-to-date records:

- All email correspondence between the Welsh Government’s communications department/press office and the Welsh Government (cabinet ministers, departments or officials) or their associated staff containing the phrase “school uniform grant” or “pupil development grant” or about either.
- All email correspondence between Welsh Government (ministers, departments and officials) about the feasibility of renewing the “school uniform grant” or “pupil development grant” or any issues relating to the “school uniform grant” or “pupil development grant”.
- Any correspondence sent by the Welsh Government to local authorities, charities or any third party organizations about the “school uniform grant” or “pupil development grant”.

I wrote to you on 20 September to acknowledge your request and to ask for clarification in relation to the information you are requesting. You replied on 20 September confirming that you were requested “all correspondence in the described formats and within the stated dates which relate to both the Pupil Development Grant (which has been available from Sept 2018) and the School Uniform Grant”.

From a preliminary assessment, it is estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.



To provide you with the information that you have requested, a search of the Welsh Government electronic records system for every piece of correspondence that contains either of the two phrases: 'school uniform grant' or 'pupil development grant' created since 28 March 2018 would have to be undertaken.

A sampling exercise has been undertaken to estimate the potential number of items likely to be within the scope of your request and the time it would take to scrutinise these in order to determine whether they would be relevant. It is estimated that over 7,000 items would need to be considered, which would take approximately 40 hours and involve over 20 staff from across the Welsh Government.

Consequently, it has been decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope or by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:



Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely