



I am writing to you under the FOI Act 2000 to request the following information:

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| <p>1. Have you seen a rise in applications to schools in total in your area in January and February this year compared to January and February in 2024?</p> <p>2. What percentage rise in applications to schools in total in your area have you seen in January and February this year compared to January and February in 2024?</p> | <p>Yes, in total across both primary and secondary phases, there has been an 11% increase of In-Year applications in January and February 2025 compared to January and February 2024.</p> |
| <p>3. Have you seen a rise in applications to primary schools in your area in January and February this year compared to January and February in 2024?</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>No, we have seen a 3% decrease in Primary In-Year applications in January and February 2025 compared to January and February 2024.</p>                                                 |
| <p>4. Have you seen a rise in applications to secondary schools in your area in January and February this year compared to January and February in 2024?</p>                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Yes, we have seen a 26% increase in Secondary In-Year applications in January and February 2025 compared to January and February 2024.</p>                                             |
| <p>5. Have you seen a rise in applications to sixth forms in your area in January and February this year compared to January and February in 2024?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>We do not hold this information. Applications for sixth form are made directly to the schools/colleges.</p>                                                                            |
| <p>6. Are you aware of any private schools in your area closing or announcing plans to close since September 2024?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>We have not been made aware of any private school closures in the area or of any announcing plans to close since September 2024.</p>                                                   |