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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI541146195

Thank you for your request for information relating to School Meal Debts.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. What was the total amount of school lunch debt (in £) at the end of each the last six school terms? (End of Autumn term 2021-22 through to the end of summer term 2022-23) Please provide this as a 'snapshot' on the last day of term, with separate figures for primary and secondary schools.**
- 2. What was the total number of pupils with school lunch debt at the end of each of the last six school terms? Again, please provide this as a snapshot with separate figures for primary and secondary schools.**
- 3. Can secondary pupils with a zero or negative balance on their school meal account access a school meal?**

For Questions 1 to 3, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The Council does not hold this information. You may wish to contact schools directly for this. Their contact details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails>

- 4. Does debt on the school meal system get referred to the council for debt collection? Does the Council use external debt agencies or bailiffs to collect school meal debt?**

No.

5. Do you use a cashless payment system for school meals in a) Primary and b) Secondary school? If so, which system is used?

Please refer to Question 1.

6. Where a family makes a late application for free school meals does this write-off any debt that may have already accrued or does the debt have to be paid?

Please refer to Question 1.

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Yours faithfully

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