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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI732293559

Thank you for your request for information relating to FOI Request- NRPF and Free School Meals.

You have requested the following information:

I am exploring the intersection of child poverty and immigration status, with a particular interest in how children in families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) are supported. Specifically, I would like to request data on the eligibility and access to Free School Meals (FSM) for children in households affected by the NRPF condition.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Please provide the number of children in your local authority who are living in families with NRPF and who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals, as of the most recent available data.

There are 39 families with 26 children over the age of seven open to Coventry Children's Services due to their NRPF status, and open to the Home Office, who are receiving free school meals.

2. Any available policy or guidance that your local authority uses to determine FSM eligibility for children in NRPF households?

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals/2#NRPF>

All children in reception, and years 1 and 2 are entitled to free school meals as this is a universal service. We advise all families with NRPF and children over the year 2 school age that they are entitled to free school meals if they have NRPF.

Schools must apply for free school meals for individual children with NRPF. They fill in a Gov.UK form and the Local Authority can provide a support letter if the family are being financially supported by us.

The school in turn decide if they are going to provide them. They then put the information onto their "Census" and it will be refunded yearly by the government. This would be recorded by individual schools. We are not aware of a school in Coventry that has declined this.

3. The date from which your local authority began recording this category? (if applicable).

Not applicable.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

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Yours faithfully

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