



My Ref: FOI4592
Your Ref:
Date: 26/06/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

Is it possible to download from the council's website shapefiles on school catchment areas within the council's jurisdiction?

In case it cannot be downloaded could you please share with me the shapefiles for primary and secondary school catchment areas within the council's jurisdiction?

In Barnsley we do not operate school catchment areas.

All schools are available to all children and places are allocated in line with the schools admissions criteria. If a school is not oversubscribed, every child who applies will be offered a place, regardless of their residential address. Where a school is oversubscribed children are allocated places based on the following order:

- Children with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school are required to be admitted.
- Children currently and or previously looked after by a local authority
- Children whose siblings will be attending the school on the proposed date of admission.
- Distance to school from the child's home address. Measured in a straight line from the centre point of the child's ordinary place of residence to the main entrance of the school.

There are some faith schools within the borough that have special admission criteria based around the faith or the child and/or parents that are considered alongside the above during the allocation process.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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