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Dear Mr Rayner

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

Thank you for your request for information dated 12 February 2025 which the Council received by email. We understand your request to be as follows:

**1) Which local authority-maintained schools in your council area currently contain asbestos, and**

**2) Which local authority-maintained schools in your council area do not contain asbestos. This request is being handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.**

I can confirm that Tameside council does not hold this information, therefore regulation 12(4)(a) applies to your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) provides an exception to the duty to disclose information when information is not held.

However, in the interest of being helpful under section 9 of EIR, I can confirm that individual schools have been responsible for their own maintenance for over 10 years, which includes the management of any Asbestos in their buildings. The Council would only have records for individual schools pre-dating the devolution of maintenance to schools. The only exception would be if the Council has carried out any capital projects such as major refurbishments or demolition when it may have been necessary to conduct an Asbestos survey to confirm or deny the presence of Asbestos Containing Materials prior to commencing works on site.

In order to obtain this information you may wish to contact each school individually, details of how to do so can be found here: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/map>

Please quote reference number 19222297 in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the Council's decision, you may do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Please email [foi@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:foi@tameside.gov.uk) or write to the Freedom of Information Team, at Tameside One, PO BOX 317, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 0GS.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF and at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,

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