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Dear Ms Nicholson,

RE: YOUR REQUEST 08612 UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on the 3 January 2013.

Please could you tell me the amount spent on home education services for the academic year 2011-12. I would be grateful if you could itemise staff costs, administrative/secretarial support costs, and also the total spend on provision of services for home educated children and young people.

Due to the complexity of analysing data in an Academic Year, and also due to a recent S&L Restructure, it is not possible to provide the information exactly as requested without incurring excessive costs.

Therefore, we have considered your request for information and have estimated that the cost of complying with your request will exceed £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2 ½ working days in determining whether the Council holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. We have made this calculation in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limits and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Under the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to comply with a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed £450. This letter is therefore a formal refusal notice under the Act.

However, please find the attached document, detailing breakdown of costs for Financial Year 2011-12 plus the projected costs for the current Financial Year 2012-13.

We supply this information based on your original request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address if you have any queries regarding the information enclosed. Remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, in the first instance you should contact the County Council, quoting your request number given above, at:

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If you are not satisfied by the County Council's response to your complaint, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner will normally expect you to have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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