

DE/2026-046 – Freedom of Information Request

Request:

I therefore request all information held by the Department from 19 January 2026 onwards relating to any application or request to increase the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing complement at St Paul's High School, Bessbrook.

This request includes, but is not limited to:

- the application or submission itself, and any accompanying documentation
- all correspondence between the Department and the Education Authority and/or the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools relating to this application
- any internal assessments, evaluations, submissions, briefing notes or advice prepared within the Department in connection with the application
- any recommendations or decisions made, including the terms of any approval or determination issued
- any records relating to the timeline or handling of the application within the Department

I am not seeking the names of individuals below senior civil service grade. Where the Department considers that any element of the request engages an exemption, I would be grateful for a clear indication of the exemption relied upon and the reasoning applied.

Department Response:

Thank you for your request for information relating to the increase in FTE at St Paul's High School, Bessbrook. The request was received on 22 March 2026.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information requested and a copy of the information is attached to this email in the format you requested:

1. Application to Increase FTE Following Redundancies
2. Department of Education Approval.