

DE FOI/2023-0015

Request

I wish to request the following information:

please provide me with a list of STATUTORY POLICIES that Primary Schools and Nursery Schools in Northern Ireland MUST HAVE, as well as any RECOMMENDED/ADVISORY POLICIES that schools are required to keep.

DE Response

I wish to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held – no record (document) exists that exclusively lists the statutory policies that primary / nursery schools must have or any recommended / advisory policies schools are recommended to hold.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act there is a duty to provide you with some advice / assistance to help you find the information you are seeking. Appendix 3 of a Guide for Governors may hold some or all of the information you are seeking -

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Governor%20Guide%20-%20August%202019.DOCX>

I have also established that the Department for Education in England does hold on their website a list that they expect schools to have:- [Statutory policies for schools and academy trusts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

This may prove to be a useful starting point for you to search the Department's website for equivalent policies.