

30 April 2025

Jack Newton
Via email: jnewtonbit@gmail.com

Dear Mr Newton

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – Cedar Mount Academy

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request sent via email and received by Cedar Mount Academy on 13 April 2025.

Your request was in the form of the following questions:

I am emailing you to request the answer to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act.

The questions refer to these groups:

- * Solutions Not Sides
- * Parallel Histories
- * Friends of Roots UK
- * Forum of Discussion on Israel and Palestine
- * Nisa-Nashim
- * Friends of Bereaved Families Forum

Questions:

1a. Have any of these groups visited your school since April 1st 2020?

Yes, Solutions Not Sides visited in 2022.

1b. If yes, when did they visit and which year group(s) did they work with?

Year 10 were visited. The precise date is not recorded

1c. If yes, what was the focus of their event/visit?

They had two speakers, one from Israel and one from Palestine who shared their lived experience of the conflict and that they are now friends.

2a. Does the school have any plans to host any of these groups in the future?

Not at this time.

2b. If yes, when will they visit, and which year group(s) will they work with?

Not applicable.

2c. If yes, what will be the focus of their event/visit?

Not applicable.

3. Does the school use or promote resources made by any of these groups?

No.

4a. Does your school have any policies or guidance regarding engagement with external bodies or their teaching resources, including risk assessment templates or external speaker policies? I'm particularly looking for anything relating to the discussion of political issues or the discussion of Palestine and/or Israel.

Yes - The Bright Futures Visiting Speakers policy.

4b. Please provide any policies/material related to the above (4a).

Please follow the link to view our [Visiting Speakers Policy](#) which is currently under review.

I hope that this answers your request satisfactorily.

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 our decision, you should e-mail admin@bright-futures.co.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints' procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

Chief Executive Officer
On behalf of Bright Futures Educational Trust