

May 2026

Megan Manson
Via email: megan.manson@secularism.org.uk

Dear Ms Manson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request sent via email and received by us on 27 March 2026.

Your request was in the form of the following questions:

I am researching the provision of kosher and halal in school meals provided by academy trusts. I'd be grateful if you could please answer the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act. (If your school is the only school in the trust, please simply answer for that school).

1. Please provide a list of schools in your trust where halal/kosher meat is served in school meals. In this list, please indicate:
 - a) Which schools serve halal/kosher meat from animals that have not been stunned before slaughter and/or is certificated by the Halal Monitoring Committee (HMC).
 - b) Which schools serve only meat that is halal/kosher, i.e. the only meat options available are halal/kosher.

We do hold the information requested in part. All school meals across Bright Futures Educational Trust are provided by our outsourced catering provider. Sodexo confirms that where halal meat is served in our schools this is purchased from suppliers who ensure animals are stunned before slaughter. Sodexo does not provide a kosher meat option in any of our schools.

The table overleaf lists all the schools in our Trust and details if they provide halal meat and whether other meat options are available:

School	Is Halal meat available?	Further details
Acre Hall Primary School	Non halal + halal	Halal option available for chicken
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	Non halal + halal	Halal option available for all meat served
Barton Clough Primary School	Non halal + halal	Halal option available for chicken
Cedar Mount Academy & Melland High School (shared kitchen)	Halal only for main meals	All main meal dishes are prepared using Halal meat Non halal meat available for Grab&Go (Ham sandwich)
Elmridge Primary School	Non halal + halal	Halal option available for all meat served
Lime Tree Primary Academy	Non halal + halal	Halal option available for chicken
Marton Primary Academy	Non halal + halal	Halal option available for sausages only (chicken)
Rushbrook Primary Academy	Non halal + halal	Halal option available for all meat served
Stanley Grove Primary Academy	Halal only	All meat is halal
The Orchards	Halal only	All meat is halal

2. If there are any schools in your trust which serve only meat that is halal/kosher, please indicate how, if at all, parents are told this.

We do hold this information in part. The meat options agreed are specified on schools' menus and the school makes these menus available to parents.

3. Please provide any policy documents from the Academy regarding school meals and/or halal and/or kosher meat.

We do not hold the information requested.

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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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Bright Futures Educational Trust