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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ05587**

Thank you for your request for information relating to playgrounds closures, sell offs and playground budgets.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

**1. How many children's playgrounds were managed by the local authority in each year from 2009-10?**

33 children's playgrounds were managed by the local authority in each year from 2009-10

**2. How many children's playgrounds have been closed in each year since 2009-10?**

We can confirm that 1 children's playground has been closes since 2009-10.

**3. How many children's playgrounds have been opened in each year since 2009-10?**

14 children's playgrounds have been opened in each year since 2009-10?

**4. How much local authority money has been spent on children's playgrounds in each year since 2009-10?**

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because the requested information cannot be separately identified within the Council's financial system.

**5. How many children’s playgrounds are proposed for closure within the next year (ie 2019-20)?**

We can advise that no children’s playgrounds are proposed for closure within the next year (i.e. 2019-20).

**5. How much do you propose to spend on children's playgrounds in 2019-20?**

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because the requested information cannot be separately identified within the Council's financial system.

We can advise you that the park service repair/development budget for all sites, including play areas, is £172,549.

**6. How many children's playgrounds have been sold off to private buyers since 2009-10, who were the buyers and how much were they sold for?**

We can confirm that no children's playgrounds have been sold off to private buyers since 2009-10.

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Yours faithfully

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