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Dear

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2024 in which you requested the following information:

I am writing to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act for information regarding the allocation of funding and financial plan for BFS Naples for the period of April 2023 to April 2024.

Specifically, I would like to request the following:

- 1. A breakdown of the allocation of funding for BFS Naples from April 2023 to April 2024.
- 2. An itemised breakdown of all expenses and expenditure incurred by BFS Naples during the specified period.
- 3. Details of the pupil premium allocation during the specified period.
- 4. The total balance remaining in BFS Naples' accounts as of April 2024.
- 5. The financial plan for BFS Naples for the financial year 2025/2025

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is below.

- 1. A breakdown of the allocation of funding for BFS Naples from April 2023 to April 2024.
- 2. An itemised breakdown of all expenses and expenditure incurred by BFS Naples during the specified period.
- 5. The financial plan for BFS Naples for the financial year 2025/2025

Commodity	23/24 Budget allocation	23/24 Spend	24/25 Budget allocation
Staff Costs	£654,713	£631,752	£544,012
Property Management (non- infrastructure ie cleaning/soft furnishings)	£97,000	£62,570	£69,623
Other Expenditure	£31,991	£51,639	£6,044
Transport & Movement	£1,854	£10,835	£6,078
Fee Receipts	-£10,229	£0	-£10,434
TOTAL	£775,329	£756,796	£615,323

3. Details of the pupil premium allocation during the specified period.

Not held. The DCS are funded from the Defence budget and are not covered by the Department for Education who fund the Service pupil premium.

4. The total balance remaining in BFS Naples' accounts as of April 2024.

Not held: DCS is allocated a budget and held to account against that budget as a whole. DCS divide the budget based on cost centres of which BFS Naples is one. Any perceived underspend is used to offset financial risk across DCS as a whole.

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance) you may find it helpful to note that this FOI has been scoped as a request for information held by Defence Children Services. Routine maintenance or repair of Naples school is managed by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation under the same contracts that maintain Service Family Accommodation. Therefore, any necessary work is undertaken by the MOD contractor under this wider contract for accommodation. It is not possible to split out any work specifically done on the Naples school from the other works that have also been carried out, as that information is not held by the MOD.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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