

Access to Public Information Response

July 23rd 2017

REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on July 23rd 2017:

Hello

How many 11-plus takers turned down places at the 'independent' colleges in 2015, 2016, 2017?

It shouldn't take you statutory 20 working days to answer this as you had the information to hand on Grammar School place refusals on 19th June this year.

States of Guernsey response sent on July 25th 2017:

The following are the numbers who were offered a place at "results day" and who subsequently declined that place before the end of July in that year.

2014-2015: 0

2015-2016: 0

2016-2017: 1 (left island) – Place reallocated to the next applicable child.

Additional request sent on July 25th 2017:

Do you have the same stats for the years 1998, 1999 & 2000?

Thanks

States of Guernsey response sent on July 31st 2017:

Further to your additional request under the Code of Practice for Access to Public Information, please see below for a response from Education Services

Unfortunately the Committee's electronic records of special placeholders do not go as far back as the dates requested. However, officers can confirm that it is very unusual for a special place at one of the grant-aided Colleges to be turned down as parents will already have selected this as a preference in advance of the 11+ placements being confirmed.

The numbers of special places are governed by States resolution - 23 per year at Elizabeth College, 23 per year at The Ladies College and up to 6 per year at Blanchelande College.

If a College special place is turned down for whatever reason it is then offered to the next highest performing pupil on the list who chose one of the Colleges as their preference.