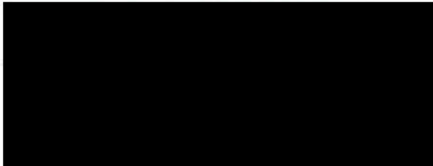





18 June 2021



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 10 May 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- a. *I am requesting the dataset of student residential distribution for every school in New Zealand - i.e. the data that would have been used to create the dot map in Appendix A of this report but on a nationwide scale, and for the most recent year that records are available.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We are providing the requested information to you as aggregated data up to Statistical Area Level 2 as it provides a higher degree of confidentiality for the students in the area.

This data is being provided in the requested spreadsheet format as **Appendix A** with the following caveats for you to be aware of:

- a. Not all schools provide student address data. Data may be incomplete or missing, especially for non-state schools.
- b. Student address data is used to get an indication of the geographic spread of students. We are reliant on the quantity of the dataset provided to us for accuracy.
- c. The data comes from the March roll return, schools supply the Ministry with student addresses, and we map these for internal purposes (planning bus networks and so on). Not all schools always provide data, in particular private schools sometimes don't, and we have no way of checking whether the addresses are correct. We rely on the accuracy of the data submitted to us.
- d. As this data is from March 2020, some student addresses will be out of date and school movements since then won't have been captured (2021 data is still being mapped)
- e. To avoid identifying individual student addresses, student numbers have been grouped into sets of 5 or more to protect the privacy of individual students.
- g. I am withholding actual student numbers under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of the individual students concerned. I have identified no public interest considerations sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold this information.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at [media.team@education.govt.nz](mailto:media.team@education.govt.nz). If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Brunt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Brunt  
**Deputy Secretary**  
**Evidence, Data and Knowledge**