

**From:** Foi Enquiries  
**Sent:** 29 August 2018 13:44  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI-18-0984 - Modern Languages  
**Attachments:** V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your information request of 2 July 2018. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**What percentage of children in primary school, broken down by school year and language, are currently receiving regular modern language education in school?**

P1

92% French  
8% Mandarin

P2

92% French  
8% Mandarin

P3

91% French  
9% Mandarin

P4

61% French  
11% Mandarin

P5

69% French  
6.5% Mandarin  
X% German  
X% Italian  
X% Spanish  
X% BSL  
X% Scots  
X% Doric

P6

48% French  
8.5% Mandarin  
13% German  
X% Italian  
X% Spanish  
X% BSL  
X% Scots  
X% Doric

P7

49% French

7% Mandarin

13% German

X% Italian

X% Spanish

X% BSL

X% Scots

X% Doric

Unfortunately, we do not have numbers for the other languages since the provision varies from school to school and only a small number of classes are taught those.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on all languages taught as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

**How many qualified modern language teachers does the council employ in primary schools pupils broken down by language? How does this compare to five years ago?**

None. Languages are delivered by classroom teachers as advised by 1+2 ML Scottish Government policy.

**How many qualified modern language teachers does the council employ in secondary schools pupils broken down by language? How does this compare to five years ago?**

Please note, most language teachers are trained to deliver more than one modern language and some are employed part-time.

25	French
1	German
10	French + Spanish
2	French + Mandarin
2	French + German

**How many Foreign Language Assistants does the council employ, broken down by language? How does this compare to five years ago?**

None.

**What provision is the council undertaking in a) primary schools and b) secondary schools to meet the Scottish Government's 1+2 languages commitment that all children will be able to learn two additional languages by 2021?**

Primary School

CPD training for primary teachers in methodology and language

Immersion courses for primary teachers

Resources to schools

Working in collaboration with Aberdeen University, French University and Erasmus to organise students' placements

School partnerships with Aberdeen twin cities

Working with Northern Alliance 1+2 ML group to develop sustainable strategy

Secondary School

Cluster meetings between primary and secondary schools

Modern languages network meetings for ACC schools  
Use of website to share resources

**How many native or fluent speakers of additional languages, including community languages, does the council use to support teaching languages in a) Primary Schools and b) Secondary schools?**

25 shared between primary and secondary schools

**Does the council have its own 1+2 strategy for language learning?**

Yes, based on 1+2 ML Scottish Government policy aiming at implementation for 2021.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
Information Compliance Officer

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