

From: Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/395)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 8 October 2020, reference K/20/395.

Your request read:

“Given the current circumstances with off-campus learning and online teaching - how much of the students tuition fee is being used to better our learning experiences and how much (if any) is not being used? Surely more of our tuition fee will be used if we were to be on campus full-time but since we're not, what is the money being used for?”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

All of your tuition fees are being used to better your learning experiences. In a normal year, student fees only partly cover associated costs of running our university, as is described on the [“Our Income and how we spend it”](#) page on our website. Despite the current Covid situation, a large proportion of our cost base is fixed on things like our staff, buildings and equipment. We did see some reductions in utilities during lockdown, however, our campus is now 95% open and thus we are seeing costs similar to those we incurred last year.

In addition to this we are incurring extra costs in the development of our digital teaching operations and to ensure campus is Covid secure. These include additional necessary cleaning, Perspex, sanitiser and signage on campus as well as a helpline provision and support services for students in self-isolation.

We expect overall costs for the University in 2020/21 to be larger than the prior year, even after cost reductions to mitigate large expected fall in income. We are confident that, despite the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, students at Leeds are continuing to receive a high-quality education.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on foi@leeds.ac.uk

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

Post: Mr D Wardle
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The University of Leeds
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Email: foi@leeds.ac.uk

Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University's response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

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