

**Education & Skills**

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

Thank you for your request for information relating to independent special schools.

You have requested the following information:

***Please provide the following information broken down by each of the school years (If this information is recorded by your council in calendar/financial years, or in just a snapshot at one point each year, please provide an alternative yearly breakdown instead. a) 2014-15, b) 2015-16, c) 2016-17, d) 2017-18 and e) 2018-19 so far:***

- 1. Please state the total number of pupils recorded as having SEND (including SEND support and EHCPs/statements of SEN) in your local authority area across the year.***
- 2. Of those in Q1, please state the total number of pupils who attended an independent special school (for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities) funded by your local authority broken down by year.***
- 3. Of those in Q2, please state the total number of pupils who attended an independent special school (for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities) funded by your local authority that was located out of your local authority area, broken down by year.***

As per Section 21 of the FOIA I can confirm that the information in relation to the questions above is accessible to you by following the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statements-of-sen-and-ehc-plans-england-2015>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statements-of-sen-and-ehc-plans-england-2016>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statements-of-sen-and-ehc-plans-england-2017>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statements-of-sen-and-ehc-plans-england-2018>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-interactive-tool-lait>

Please note that all statistics relating to independent/non-maintained special schools equate to Out of City placements, as Coventry has no independent/non-maintained provision operating within the City.

**4. Please state the total expenditure on places at independent special schools (for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities) by your local authority broken down by year.**

We do not hold the information requested in relation to 2014/2015 and are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

We did not keep a separate account of spend specifically related to independent special school placements for this year.

We only started recording this spend separately from 2015/2016 onwards.

2015/2016	£3,055,104
2016/2017	£2,813,446
2017/2018	£2,420,326
2018/2019	£2,406,487

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

Becky Twite  
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