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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI339497588

Thank you for your request for information relating to children missing from education. You have requested the following information:

1. Please provide the total number of school-aged children recorded as missing from education in the academic year due to end in July. Please also provide figures for the previous three academic years (2017/18, 18/19 and 19/20).

Children are recorded as missing from education if they are of compulsory school age, and the authorities are unable to trace them - typically for four weeks or more, or two to three days in the case of vulnerable children.

Year	Number of Children
2017/18*	Not available
2018/19	519
2019/20	624

2020/21	925
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*Due to a change in our recording systems we are unable to provide the information as indicated above and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

2. Please provide the total number of school-aged children recorded as missing from education in the academic year due to end in July who could not be traced at all (they were not found). Please also provide figures for the previous three academic years (2017/18, 18/19 and 19/20).

Year	Number of Children
2017/18*	Not available
2018/19*	Not available
2019/20	54
2020/21	32

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

Yours faithfully

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