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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI569593885

Thank you for your request for information relating to SEND home to school transport.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many children have received SEND home to school transport every year since 2018/19 including the present year 2023/24 (please break down by year)

2018/2019: 821 2019/2020: 892 2020/2021: 983 2021/2022: 1,023 2022/2023: 1,030

2023/2024 (as at 22 December 2023): 1,111

2. What was your annual total spend on SEND home to school transport every year since 2018/19 (please break down by year). Please also provide your forecast spend for 2023/24.

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

Annual S251 Reports with information on previous years' actuals can be found here:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/finance/section-251-tables

There are notes on the forecast SEN Transport position on this Q2 Forecast Cabinet Report:

https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s58827/2023-24%20Second%20Quarter%20Financial%20Monitoring%20Report%20to%20September%202023.p

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

3. How much is the single most expensive daily SEND home to school transport round trip journey you are currently funding?

£290 a day.

4. How far is the single most expensive daily SEND home to school transport round trip journey you are currently funding?

81.6 mile round trip, multiple pick ups.

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Yours faithfully

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