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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI569040083

Thank you for your request for information relating to Preparations for Labour Private School VAT.

You have requested the following information:

I would like to request the following information as an FOI request regarding Labour's proposal to introduce a 20% VAT on private school fees:

1. How many school places are currently available in all state schools within your boundaries today, by year group? Please complete the attached table.

Please see table attached with details of year groups Reception to Year 12 as at 18 December 2023. We are advising you as per Section 1(1) that we do not hold information about the number of vacant places in years 12 and 13.

Schools are able to admit students to post 16 without co-ordinating through Coventry City Council's Admissions Team.

You may wish to contact schools directly to request this information. Their contact details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/10/schools-and-their-contact-details>

2. How many students do you anticipate moving from private schools to state schools within your boundaries if Labour's proposal to introduce a 20% VAT on private school fees takes effect from September 2024?

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) that we do not hold this information. We are not able to make this prediction.

3. What preparations will you have in place (from September 2024) to accommodate these students?

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 for the process for applying for a school place in Coventry:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

4. For SEND students moving from private to state schools because of the VAT proposal, what steps will you take to ensure that they receive at least the same level of support they received in their private school by September 2024?

If a child has an EHC Plan the Council will ensure that provision is made in accordance with its statutory obligations. Schools are responsible for the needs of any child with additional needs who does not have an EHC Plan and will progress the child through the graduated process as set out in law.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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Year Group	Number of Vacant State School Places Today (Total)
Reception	83
Year 1	24
Year 2	32
Year 3	0
Year 4	19
Year 5	14
Year 6	83
Year 7	66
Year 8	42
Year 9	0
Year 10	86
Year 11	52
Year 12	
Year 13	