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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI577419877

Thank you for your request for information relating to electively home educated pupils.

You have requested the following information:

1. On October census day in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019, how many children and young people were you aware of being electively home educated in your local area?

04/10/2018: 99
03/10/2019: 151
01/10/2020: 285
07/10/2021: 283
06/10/2022: 408
05/10/2023: 419

2. Of these, what proportion were known to have an education, health and care plan or statement of special educational need.

04/10/2018: 10
03/10/2019: 12
01/10/2020: 12
07/10/2021: 14
06/10/2022: 15
05/10/2023: 28

3. How many formal notifications for elective home education were made in each of the last five academic years (2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19)

2018/19: 77
2019/20: 120
2020/21: 196
2021/22: 228
2022/23: 227

4. During each of the last five academic years, how many local children were known to be electively home educated at any point across the academic year (the cumulative total)?

2018/19: 309
2019/20: 369
2020/21: 539
2021/22: 585
2022/23: 509

5. In the academic years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2018-19 and 2017-18, how much income did the council receive from penalty notices for unauthorised school absences?

We do not hold the information dating back to the 2017/2018 Academic Year and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The database we currently use does not hold the information requested dating back to this time period.

2018/2019: £90,541
2021/2022: £97,335
2022/2023: £184,467

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Yours faithfully

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