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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI614258470**

Thank you for your request for information relating to home educated children.

You have requested the following information:

**1. The number of children that the Council are aware of being home schooled, by the last 5 years (financial year, calendar year or academic year - however it is reported). If possible, could you also please include the number of these children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).**

Please see cumulative totals for each academic year below for children that are electively home educated:

2019/20: 370

2020/21: 539

2021/22: 582

2022/23: 619

2023/24 (as of 14 May 2024): 639

For SEND figures, please refer to Question 2.

**2. The number of informal enquiries the Council has sent out to check a child is getting a suitable education at home, by the last 5 years. If possible, could you also please include the number of these children who have SEND.**

**3. Of those informal enquiries, the number of parents/ caregivers who have engaged with the informal enquiry, by the last 5 years.**

For Questions 2 and 3, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We estimate that because the information is held in a non-reportable format an officer would have to manually review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant information for the request. It has been estimated this will exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

**4. The number of occurrences of a school attendance order being served to a child being home schooled, by the last 5 years.**

School Attendance Orders are not issued for any child registered as electively home educated as they are in receipt of an education.

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Yours faithfully

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