



**Information Governance Team**

Postal Address:  
Coventry City Council  
PO Box 15  
Council House  
Coventry  
CV1 5RR

[www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk)

E-mail: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

Phone: 024 7697 5408

22 August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI636151340**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Electively Home Educated children and children not in school.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many home educated children does your LA currently have recorded?**

475 as of 16 July 2024.

**2. How many households do these children come from?**

377 unique addresses as of 08 August 2024.

**3. In the last 12 months how many s437(1) formal notices to satisfy have you served on parents regarding home educated children?**

Nil.

**4. How many School Attendance Orders (SAOs) (attendance order in Scotland) have been served on children that were known to be home educated until the SAO was served?**

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

**5. What was the outcome of each SAO? (for example, prosecuted for non compliance (please explain the outcome from court), revoked (please explain why the SAO was revoked).)**

Not applicable.

**6. How many children do you have recorded as a Child Missing Education (CME) that are not subject to S437(1) or SAO?**

As of 12 August 2024, there were 309 open cases.

**7. In the last 12 months, what is the range of time period between a parent requesting the LA provide a school place and the child starting at the school? (for example a home educated child that wishes to go to school, or a family has moved to the area and wants a school place).**

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.

To further clarify, as the information is held in a nonreportable format, it would require an officer to manually review each pupil's records to determine what information is held and collate relevant information for your request. This has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act to complete. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

**8. In the period of time, between the parental request and the initial start date at school, has the LA put in place education for the child under s19 Education Act?**

No.

**9. If s19 is provided, how many hours education per week are put in place?**

Not applicable.

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](mailto: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](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**