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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI646800811

Thank you for your request for information relating to Home Education.

You have requested the following information:

1. Do you operate a voluntary, mandatory or no register of electively home educated (EHE) children?

Parents are able to notify us themselves if they are home educating, equally if we are notified by any method that a family is home educating, they will be added to the EHE list of home educators we hold at the Local Authority.

2. How many children as of 9th September 2024 in your LA are on you EHE register?

496.

3. How many children as of 9th September 2024 do you know are EHE in your area but are not on your register?

Nil.

4. If a family are on your EHE register how often do you maintain contact with them?

We write to all families either by post or e-mail initially offering advice and support.

The frequency of contact is determined on a case-by-case basis.

- 5. What percentage of home educators in your area choose to keep contact in writing?**
- 6. What percentage of home educators in your area choose to keep contact by telephone?**
- 7. What percentage of home educators in your area prefer face to face contact and invite you into their home?**
- 8. What percentage of home educators in your area prefer face to face contact but at the council office?**
- 9. What percentage of home educators in your area prefer face to face contact at a neutral location such as a library, cafe or park?**
- 10. What percentage of home educators in your area prefer video communication such as Zoom, google meet or teams?**
- 11. What percentage of home educators in your area have no preference over how they communicate with EHE team?**

In response to Questions 5 to 11, we do not collate this data and are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held.

12. What procedures, protocols and or policies do you have in place to ensure staff communicate with home educators in their preferred format? Please provide copies of these documents.

We offer advice and support in written form in the first instance acknowledging their decision to EHE. We do not phone parents unless there is a request to phone them. There is an online page and also a specific e-mail parents can contact to request support.

Our details are also shared with schools, and we encourage them to encourage parents to read our website, literature and get in contact if they need any further information:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/elective-home-education/educating-child-home-elective-home-education>

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Yours faithfully

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