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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI645628363

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children Not In School.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many children of compulsory school age are known to live in your LA as of 1st September 2024?

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1 of the Act.

To aid and assist you further information can be found at the link below:

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/datasets/pestsyoala>

2. How many state school places for children of compulsory school age are there in your LA boundaries?

55,911.

3. How many independent school places for children of compulsory school age are there in your LA Boundaries?

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1 of the Act.

To aid and assist you further the capacity of each independent school can be found at the link

below:

<https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/Establishments/Search?tok=8Um5WAUN>

4. How many compulsory school age children residing in your LA are categorised as being children missing education as of 1st September 2024?

270.

5. How many compulsory school age children are electively home educated as of 1st September 2024?

507.

6. How many compulsory school age children residing in your LA are receiving their education outside of a school setting funded by the LA as of 1st September 2024

As of 2 September 2024, 41 children were on Education Other Than At School packages or were currently awaiting an offer of a special school place.

7. If a parent moves into your LA and requests a school place using figures from last 3 years what is the average amount of days it takes from the parental request until the child is enrolled in a school?

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 recorded in a nonreportable format it will require an officer to manually review each pupil's record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant information. This has been determined to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act. Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

8. If a parent was Electively home educating and stops EHE and requests a school place using figures from last 3 years what is the average amount of days it takes from the parental request until the child is enrolled in a school?

9. If a parent withdraws their child from an independent school and requests a school place using figures from the last 3 years what is the average amount of days it takes from the parental request until the child is enrolled in a local school?

For Questions 8 and 9, please refer to Question 7.

To assist for Question 9, in line with the School Admissions Code, we aim to notify parents of the outcome of their application in writing within 10 school days, up to a maximum of 15 school days. Where a school place is not available within a reasonable distance, the school application will be considered under the Fair Access Protocol (FAP). These applications are reviewed and allocated

monthly, parents are notified up to 3 days after the allocation has been made.

10. Does the LA facilitate any education for the child between the parental request and school enrolment? If no why not?

For mainstream schools they are required as per the school admissions code 2021 for 'arrangements should be made for the child to start school as soon as possible' following the school place offered. This means that children are not on a school roll for a relatively short period of time.

For Pupil with EHCP's who are not on a school roll and awaiting a school place the Local Authority provides alternative educational provision in the interim.

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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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