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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI653184580

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council spending on EHCP placements at independent settings.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many pupils aged 5-16 in the authority area had EHCPs in each of these years?

2021

2022

2023

2. How many pupils aged 5-16 in the authority area with EHCPS have been placed at independent school or education settings in each of these years?

2021

2022

2023

For Questions 1 and 2, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the UK Government website, please use the following link:

<u>Data catalogue - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK</u>

3. How much has been spent on independent school or education setting placements for the pupils with EHCPs in each of the last three years?
2021
2022

4. If possible can you say what percentage the total spend on independent school or education settings for pupils with EHCPs has been of the council's overall spending on EHCPs and its overall high needs budget for each of the following years?

2021

2022

2023

For Questions 3 and 4, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/finance/section-251-tables

The guidance shows the line number for this information as: 1.2.3 Top-up and other funding – non-maintained and independent providers

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Yours faithfully

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