

Response to Request for Information

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Home Education

Request:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I am seeking responses to the questions outlined below:

For each of the following academic years: 2017-2018 and 2018 to date;

1. Please state the total number of children home educated (for part or all of the year) in your local authority area?
[See table below.](#)
2. Please provide all statistical information held relating to the home educated children such as a breakdown of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, SEND status and the reason for home education, if recorded?
[See table below.](#)
3. Please confirm the total number of home visits carried out?
[See table below.](#)
4. Have you investigated any suspected cases of children being neglected or abused while being home educated? If so, please confirm the number of cases?
[None.](#)
5. Please add any further comments, for example any trends you have observed in home education, any comments about the current law around home education?
[City of Wolverhampton Council is aware of the statutory guidance around Elective Home Education, is committed to effectively discharging its statutory responsibilities and keeps abreast of any changes or amendments made at a national level.](#)

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	2017-2018	2018 to date
Q1. The name of your local authority:	Wolverhampton	
Q2. Please state the total number of children home educated (for part or all of the year) in your council area in each of the following school years:	360	416
Q3. For each year, please provide all statistical information held relating to the age of the home educated children.		
Q3.1. 15+	80	60
Q3.2. 14+	56	55
Q3.3. 13+	28	44
Q3.4. 12+	42	34
Q3.5. 11+	18	41
Q3.6. 10+	14	24
Q3.7. 9+	15	36
Q3.8. 8+	18	31
Q3.9. 7+	26	21
Q3.10. 6+	22	28
Q3.11. 5+	16	27
Q3.12. 4+	22	14
Q4. For each year, please provide all statistical information held relating to the gender of the home educated children.		
Q4.1. Male	200	216
Q4.2. Female	160	197
Q5. For each year, please add all statistical information held relating to the ethnicity of the home educated children.		
Q5.1. White British	177	209
Q5.2. Traveller/Gypsy	18	15
Q5.3. White other	18	17
Q5.4. Asian British	0	0

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Q5.5. Indian	17	7
Q5.6. Pakistani	12	6
Q5.7. Bangladeshi	1	0
Q5.8. Chinese	0	0
Q5.9. Any other Asian background	3	1
Q5.10. Mixed background	61	63
Q5.11. Black British	3	8
Q5.12. Caribbean	16	30
Q5.13. African	8	4
Q5.14. Ethnicity not known	26	56
Q6. For each year, please add all statistical information held relating to the religion of the home educated children.		
Q6.1. Christian		
Q6.2. Muslim		
Q6.3. Jewish		
Q6.4. Hindu		
Q6.5. Sikh		
Q6.6. Other		
Q6.7. No religion		
Q6.8. Unknown		
Q7. For each year, please add any statistical information held relating to the SEN status of the home educated children.		
Q7.1. EHCP/statement	15	22
Q7.2. SEN no EHCP/statement	109	89
Q7.3. None	174	173
Q7.4. Unknown	62	136
Q8. For each year, please add all statistical information	99	194

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held relating to the reason stated for the home education of the children.		
Q8.2. Bullying	8	14
Q8.3. Mental health issues	35	46
Q8.4. Dissatisfaction/conflict with school		
Q8.5. Exclusion	8	11
Q8.6. School refuser	127	3
Q8.7. No place available	1	
Q8.8. No preferred school place available	41	57
Q8.9. SEN	5	12
Q8.10. Cultural/religion	5	5
Q8.11. Pending prosecution for truancy	24	57
Q8.12. Unknown	1	6
Q8.13. Other - please specify	'Medical – Child' – 6	'Medical - Child' – 9 'Medical – Parent' – 2
Q9. Please confirm the total number of home visits carried out in the following years:	166	39
Q10. Have you investigated any suspected cases of children being neglected or abused while being home educated. If so, please confirm the number of cases in the following years:		