



Response to Request for Information

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Unauthorised Absences from School

Request:

Could you please provide me with the following information:

1. How many fines were imposed by your authority for unauthorised absences from school for the last academic year 2015/2016?
As of the 28/7/2016 the number of penalty notices for unauthorised absences imposed is 552 during 2015/16.
2. Has your authority changed its practice of imposing fines following the recent test case of May 2016?
Following the test case in May 2016, Wolverhampton local authority has adopted an interim position with regards to issuing penalty notices for unauthorised leave of absence. This has resulted in penalty notices not being issued for cases where overall attendance is above 90%.
3. If your practice DID change how many unauthorised absences were reported during this period from May 2016 but did not result in fines?
We did not record the number of requests for Penalty Notices that did not result in a fine.