

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Pupils*

#### **Request:**

1. Please can you provide how many primary school pupils attended a Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision in each of the following years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (in academic or financial years, however this information is held).
  - 1 a) If possible, please can you also break this down separately to those children aged 5 and under 5.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide some of the information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

I can advise you that all of the above information would be held by each individual Wolverhampton school.

However, we can supply you with the information we do hold relating to primary school pupils the Local Authority has placed in PRU/alternative provision places directly in order to prevent exclusion by academic year, but as stated above this will not be a true picture:

2013/2014 - 4  
2014/2015 - 14  
2015/2016 - 22  
2016/2017 – 30

2. Please can you provide how many spaces you have available for primary school aged children in a Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision?  
Please see our reply to question 1 quoting Section 1(1)(a) of the Act.

I can advise you that all of the above information would be held by each individual Wolverhampton school.

However, we can inform you that the Local Authority has 22 places available in the primary PRU and 20 in alternative provision, but once again this will not be a true picture.

3. Please can you provide how many primary school aged children are on a waiting list for a place in a Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision?  
Please see our reply to question 1 and 2 quoting Section 1(1)(a) of the Act.

I can advise you that all of the above information would be held by each individual Wolverhampton school.

However, we can inform you that our response to this question is 0 just for the children City of Wolverhampton Council have placed but once again this will not be a true picture.

4. If possible, please could you provide how long on average a primary school aged child will attend a Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision?  
The average is 12 weeks

5. a) Please can you provide how much it costs on average per primary school aged child to attend a Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision for: one week and one month.

The average cost to provide a PRU placement for one week is £630 plus a pupil premium rate of £49 per pupil.

The average cost to provide a PRU placement for one month is £2,625 plus a pupil premium rate of £146 per pupil.

- b) Please can you provide how much it costs on average per primary school aged child to attend a mainstream primary school for: one week and one month.

The average cost to provide a mainstream primary school placement for one week is £126 per pupil.

The average cost to provide a mainstream primary school placement for one month is £527 per pupil.