

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Children Missing Education***

#### **Request:**

1. How many children were recorded as missing from education<sup>1</sup> in the academic year 2016/2017, in your local authority?  
(If possible can we have the figures for the academic year, if this is not possible then please provide the information however you hold it.)  
48
2. Of the children recorded as missing from education during this period, how many were in receipt of free school meals, when last on a school roll?  
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3. Of the children recorded as missing from education during this period, how many were known to social services?  
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4. Please give any other relevant information or comments. (Please state if you would prefer if they were anonymous.)

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<sup>1</sup> The definition of children missing education (CME) is set out in Section 436A of the Education Act 1996 (as amended by the Education and Inspections Act 2006) as children of compulsory school age (five-16 years old) who are not registered on the school roll and not receiving a suitable education otherwise than at school.