

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001827
Date 04 January 2018

Unauthorised Absences from School

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I am seeking the following information please:

1. The total number of refunds requested for fines issued as a result of unauthorised absences from school?
2. The number of these refund requests that were granted (i.e. how many of the people who had been fined had any money returned to them)?
3. The total amount of money in pounds that was refunded for fines for unauthorised absences from school
(The fines I refer to are explained here: "Your local council can give you a fine of £60, which rises to £120 if you don't pay within 21 days. If you don't pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school."
<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>)

I would like the three pieces of information explained above for **the academic years 2016-17 AND 2015-16** please, ideally in a table format as follows:

Year	1.Total number of refunds requested	2.Number of refunds granted	3.Total amount of money refunded
2015-16			
2016-17			

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("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".

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

To advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant school. For reference, we have provided their link below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/schools>