

Response to Request for Information

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Pupil's Education

Request:

- 1a) From 2012 - present, how many children in your local authority were of Primary school age. (ages 5-11). I would like this information broken down by year
- 1b) From 2012 - present, how many children in your local authority were of secondary school age. (ages 11-16). I would like this information broken down by year

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above questions. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it using the following website link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalesscotlandandnorthernireland>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

- 2a) From 2012 - present, how many pupils were educated at state primary schools. I would like this information broken down by year.

January 2012	22,452
January 2013	22,943
January 2014	23,639
January 2015	24,223
January 2016	24,787
January 2017	25,485

- 2b) From 2012 - present, how many pupils were educated at state secondary schools. I would like this information broken down by year.

January 2012	14,998
January 2013	14,975
January 2014	15,090
January 2015	15,196
January 2016	15,581
January 2017	16,871

- 3a) From 2012-present, how many pupils were educated at Independent Primary Schools. I would like this information broken down by year

- 3b) From 2012 - present, how many pupils were educated at Independent Secondary Schools. I would like this information broken down by year.
With reference to questions 3a) and 3b) above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above 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 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".

However, we can inform you that this information can be found by using the following links:

2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2017>

2016 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2016>

2015 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2015>

2014 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2014>

2013 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2014>

2012 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2012>

- 4a) From 2012 - present, how many pupils of Primary School age were registered as being "home schooled". I would like this information broken down by year
 The number of Primary children recorded as being educated at home for at least one period during each academic year

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018 (to date)
Primary	76	107	136	186	195	180

- 4b) From 2012 - present, how many pupils of Secondary School age were registered as being "home schooled." I would like this information broken down by year.
 The number of Secondary children recorded as being educated at home for at least one period during each academic year

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018 (to date)
Secondary	71	90	120	166	255	233

- 5) Between 2012 - present, how many "informal enquiries" did the local authority make to ensure home-schooled children were getting an adequate education. I would like these figures broken down by year
 Every family is asked to provide evidence for each child at least once a year.

- 6) Between 2012 - present how many School Attendance orders were given to children that had previously been home-schooled. I would like these figures broken down by year.
 We follow the Local Authority School Attendance process, however we have never needed to issue an SAO as we have been able to engage with parents prior to formal procedures commencing.

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018 (to date)
SAO	0	0	0	0	0	0