

Response to Request for Information

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Home Schooling

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request the following information about home-schooling in your local education authority area.

Please could you provide data for each of the following queries for the 5 latest available academic years, broken down by year:

- Number of children taken out of school, where home-schooling has been given as reason for withdrawal

With reference to your above question, we can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. 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 on our website via the following link:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=15105&p=0>

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>

- Breakdown of children by sex, at the point at which they are taken out of school

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018 (to date)
	197	256	352	450	413
Male	93	128	181	226	214
Female	104	128	171	224	199

- Breakdown of children by ethnicity, at the point at which they are taken out of school

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018 (to date)
	197	256	352	450	413
AIND - Indian	1	3	8	13	7
AOTH - Any Other Asian background	1	0	3	2	2
APKN - Pakistani	10	11	5	9	6
BAFR - Black African	0	1	3	2	2
BCRB - Black Caribbean	6	11	16	13	22
BOTH - Any Other Black background	3	3	2	5	7
CHNE - Chinese	0	0	0	2	0
MOTH - Any Other Mixed background	4	7	14	17	17
MWAS - White and Asian	6	4	5	6	8
MWBA - White and Black African	2	1	5	3	6
MWBC - White & Black Caribbean	19	25	35	36	33
NOBT - Info not yet obtained	35	34	39	57	50
OOTH - Any Other Ethnic Group	0	2	3	6	6
REFU - Refused	1	3	3	4	3
WBRI - White British	81	119	167	221	203
WIRI - White Irish	0	3	3	4	3
WIRT - Traveller - Irish Heritage	16	16	21	23	16
WOTH - Any Other White background	6	7	14	20	15
WROM - Gypsy/Roma	6	6	6	7	7

- Reasons for withdrawing (please specify category and number of children within each category)
[Please see response provided to question 1.](#)
- Number of home-educated children returning into mainstream education at some point before age 18
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- Number of School Attendance Notices issued
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	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018 (to date)
Number of School Attendance Notices issued for EHE	0	0	0	2	1

- Number of school Attendance Orders issued
[Please see response provided to question 1.](#)