

## Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002864  
Date 12 October 2018

### *Home Education*

#### Request:

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA).

#### Requested information:

1. Please provide the total number of children known to you as being electively home educated in your local authority on the final day of each of the following academic years:  
2017/2018 - 238  
2016/2017 - 269  
2015/2016 - 256  
2014/2015 - 186  
2013/2014 - 141
  
2. Please provide the number of pupils de-registered from school to be electively home educated broken down as follows:
  - a. Total number  
2017/2018 - 161  
2016/2017 - 154  
2015/2016 - 100  
2014/2015 - 58  
2013/2014 - 58
  
  - b. Categorised in to:
    - (i) children with no known SEN
    - (ii) children with SEN (with and without EHCPs or statement of SEN plans)
      - Categorised in to children deregistering from:
        - (i) local authority maintained schools (including but not limited to faith schools, free schools, city technology colleges, state boarding schools) and

	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014
no SEN	96	94	63	38	43
SEN support	57	55	28	17	14
EHCP	8	5	9	3	1

(ii) academies?

	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014
maintained schools	72	57	42	27	32
academies	89	97	58	31	26

Please provide this data for each of the following academic years 2017/2018, 2016/2017, 2015/2016, 2014/2015 and 2013/2014.

3. Please state, in order of most to least common, the top 5 reasons given by parents/carers for choosing to home educate their child, as captured in the 2017/2018 academic year?

1st - Lifestyle/Cultural/Philosophy  
2nd - Attendance / Prosecution  
3rd - Emotional and Behavioural  
4th - Not Preferred School  
5th - Bullying

How many full-time equivalent roles in your local authority (directly employed or contracted) are dedicated to dealing with elective home education?

Please provide this data for the end of each of the following academic years 2017/2018, 2016/2017, 2015/2016, 2014/2015 and 2013/2014.

1 FT worker between 2013 to 2018

5. In the academic year 2017/2018 how many students were registered to be attending:
- (a) local authority maintained schools (including but not limited to faith schools, free schools, city technology colleges, state boarding schools) and
- (b) academies?

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2018>

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>