

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1) How many fines have been issued to parents for unauthorised absences by children from school since the beginning of this academic year (2013/14) up until this FOI request?

Number of Penalty Notices issued so far is: 1,198

2) What is the total cash value of these fines so far? (if calculating this figure will take too long please supply me the number of fines and the level of each fine and I'll work it out myself).

Each Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. The amount collected to date in respect of these Notices is: £53,580.

3) How many of these cases have reached court?

To date, information has been laid with the court in respect of 69 of these Notices (some have been heard, others are still to be heard).

4) Please provide the number of fines and total cash value for the previous educational year (2012/13).

During academic year 2012/13, 2,728 Penalty Notices were issued in total. The amount of money collected was: £131,880.

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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
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