

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) The average number of electively home educated children known to your authority for each of the above years.

In November 2010, there were 144 electively home educated children known to the LA. (It isn't possible for us to go back to check the average number.) In 2013, there were on average approximately 310 electively home educated children known to the LA when an average is taken from totals at 3 points spread throughout the year.

2) The average number of children registered at a school in your area for the above years.

Information regarding numbers of registered children comes from the school census: in 2010, in the summer census, there were 46,943 children registered at a school in the LA and in 2013, there were 48,879.

3) The number of children considered to be missing education (CME) in your area for the above years.

The number of children who are missing from education varies between 350 - 415 at any given point and this range applies to both 2010 and 2013: these are children whose whereabouts are unconfirmed: NB the vast majority are located and at the point they are located (usually outside of the LA), their education provision is established and they are removed from the CME list. The LA fails to locate much less than 1% of those whose whereabouts are investigated. In relation to children whose whereabouts are known to be in the LA but who are not in education (but should be), at any given point (including 2010 and 2013), there will be between 25 - 45 children in this group. These figures do not include cases where parents are following normal admissions processes where their children have not yet started at a school.

4) The number of school attendance orders served on Home Educating families for each of the above years (including how many children per family).

In 2010, 1 school attendance order (SAO) (i.e. 1 child) was served on a family who had stated they were home educating. In 2013, this figure is 4 (i.e. 4 children from 4 different families). NB. In 1 case, the family's decision to home educate followed the SAO being issued and it is not appropriate to proceed to court. In 2 cases*, the families were no longer saying they were

home educating when the SAO's were issued. In 1 case**, the family continue to state they are home educating.

5) How many ESOs (Educational Supervision Orders) have been issued on Home Educating Families in your area for the above years (including how many children per family).

None.

6) The number of those families served school attendance orders which resulted in court proceedings for each of the above years.

Re the 2010 case, this case did not proceed to court because of the age of the child (i.e. not deemed to be in the public interest). Re 2013, in the 2 cases* referred to above, the cases did proceed to court and were successfully prosecuted – Elective Home Education (EHE) was not referred to by the parent/s. There is 1** case where a SAO was issued during 2013 which is likely to proceed to court.

7) The number of SAO prosecutions which were upheld for each of the above years.

Not applicable.

8) The number of SAO prosecutions that were revoked for each of the above years.

Not applicable.

9) The number of SAO prosecutions for each of the above years that did not proceed because they were dropped before the court date for each of the above years and why each case was dropped.

None – information was not laid for any of the cases referred to above where the cases were subsequently withdrawn.

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