

## 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:

#### Clarification for request 1130:

- I am interested in penalty notices for unauthorised holidays.
- I am not sure how it works regarding figures for pupils or parents. Can you do it by family?
- Yes, I do mean the last 3 academic years and this year to date.

#### New request 1395.

- I would like to know how many school absence penalty notices have been issued in the last 5 school years,
- How many were not paid and how many of these parents were prosecuted by the council.

### FOIA REQUEST 1130

Avenue Primary School – Penalty Notices for unauthorised holidays		
Year	Number of Penalty Notices – unauthorised holidays*	Overall attendance
2007/08	0	94.33%
2008/09	0	93.61%
2009/10	0	93.92%
2010/11	12	94.53%
2011/12 – to 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2012	13	95.56%

\*Penalty Notices are recorded by parent

### FOIA REQUEST 1395

All Leicester Schools – Penalty Notices for unauthorised holidays by parent			
Year	Number of Penalty Notices – unauthorised holidays	Withdrawn*	Prosecuted
2007/08	457	57	55
2008/09	667	127	66
2009/10	1,258	150	49
2010/11	1,638	221	120
2011/12 to 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	1,637	Not available	Not available

\*Notices are withdrawn if new significant information is provided and either, Head authorises absence, or, Penalty Notice should not have been issued. All Notices that were not withdrawn and not prosecuted were paid.

At present, the number of withdrawn or prosecuted penalty notices for 2011/12 is not available. This is a rolling process and as further information comes to light notices may be withdrawn or taken to court. This data will be collated by the council and the final figures will be available November 2012.

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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