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Our ref: 5349728

Thank you for your request received on 23 May 2019, for the following information:

**1) How many children (in both primary and secondary school) eligible for free school meals were permanently excluded from mainstream schools in the borough from May 2018 to the last day data was held.**

**2) How many of these excluded children were moved to AP schools or PRUs as a result?**

**3) How many children have you recorded being Missing in Education since May 2016 to the current day data was held?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

***1) How many children (in both primary and secondary school) eligible for free school meals were permanently excluded from mainstream schools in the borough from May 2018 to the last day data was held.***

Please note that the Local Authority can only answer this question with whole academic year data. The Local Authority has supplied the answer to these questions using the academic year 2017/18.

Please note the information is not collected as requested. We have provided the below data as number of pupils who were identified as 'pupil premium.' Pupil Premium identifies pupils that fit at least one of the following categories; receiving free school meals, service children and pupils where social care are or were involved.

2017/18 – 21

***2) How many of these excluded children were moved to AP schools or PRUs as a result?***

2017/18 – 21

***3) How many children have you recorded being Missing in Education since May 2016 to the current day data was held?***

Please note that Children Missing in Education incorporates children without a school place other than those electively home-educated. Local Authorities (LA) work

to ensure children are placed in schools in their area and also refer those leaving their area to the destination LA.

Children on school rolls who are absent for ten days in a row are also notified to LA by their schools.

The majority of CME cases are not problematic: procedures ensure children's Access to Education is not disrupted.

May - July 2016 – 120

2016-17 – 554

2017-18 – 423

2018-19 – 480 (to date).

For more information on CME please see the Department for Education guidance:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/550416/Children\\_Missing\\_Education\\_-\\_statutory\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550416/Children_Missing_Education_-_statutory_guidance.pdf)

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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