

30 October 2019

Our ref: 5730345

Thank you for your request received on 22 October 2019, for the following information:

**I would like to request the following data under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:**

- 1. How many Fixed Penalty Notices has your council handed out between September 2018 ' July 2019 to parents for the following unauthorised school absences:**
  - a. Persistent lateness (arriving after the register has been taken)**
  - b. Unauthorised leave in term time (e.g. being taken out of school for holiday)**
  - c. Delayed return from authorised leave**
  - d. General unauthorised absence/truancy (including parentally condoned absence)**
- 2. How many FPNs have not been paid within the 21 day allocated time frame?**
- 3. How many FPNs have not been paid within the 28 day allocated time frame, and subsequently gone to court?**
- 4. How much revenue has been collected from FPNs between September 2018 - July 2019?**
- 5. Could you please provide a comparison for questions 1-4 for the previous school year (2017-2018)?**

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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FPNs are not differentiated into these categories. The categories used are as below

		18/19	17/18
Q1a	Main reason for issue of PNs: Unauthorised family holiday absence (total number)	1990	1021
Q1b	Main reason for issue of PNs: Arriving late (total number)	30	48
Q1c	Main reason for issue of PNs: Absence due to other unauthorised circumstances (total number)	35	18

**2.      *How many FPNs have not been paid within the 21 day allocated time frame?***

18/19	17/18
1006	570

**3.      *How many FPNs have not been paid within the 28 day allocated time frame, and subsequently gone to court?***

18/19	17/18
18	26

**4.      *How much revenue has been collected from FPNs between September 2018 - July 2019?***

18/19	17/18
£62940	£39960

**5. Could you please provide a comparison for questions 1-4 for the previous school year (2017-2018)?**

Please see above

**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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