

2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
19 October 2020  
Our ref: 6692488

Thank you for your request received on 14 October 2020, for the following information:

- 1. How many fines for unauthorised school absences have been handed out this term until 14th October due to parents keeping children out of school over Covid-19 fears?**
- 2. How many fines for unauthorised school absences have been handed out this term until 14th October, compared to the same time period last year?**

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

### **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached to your questions are below

***1. How many fines for unauthorised school absences have been handed out this term until 14th October due to parents keeping children out of school over Covid-19 fears?***

Fixed Penalty Notice's issued this year from September 2020 to 14 October 2020 is 0.

We are not fining parents for COVID.

***2. How many fines for unauthorised school absences have been handed out this term until 14th October, compared to the same time period last year?***

Fixed Penalty Notice's issued last year September 2019 - 14 October 2019 was 111.

### **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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