



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
24 May 2021  
Our ref: 7260876

Thank you for your request received on 28 April 2021, for the following information:  
I would be grateful if you could kindly tell me the following:

- 1) Total no of children (11-16 age group) in London Borough of Barnet, each year for the last five years**
- 2) % of children (11-16 age group) who are persistent absentees (with an absence rate at or exceeding 10%) - each year for the last five years**
- 3) % of children (11-16 age group) whose absence from school exceeds 50% - each year for the last five years**
- 4) No of secondary school places that the London Borough of Barnet funds in the independent, alternative sector - each year for the last five years.**

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.

### ***1) Total no of children (11-16 age group) in London Borough of Barnet, each year for the last five years***

We do not hold data on the total number of children aged 11 to 16 for the borough. However, the total number of pupils attending Barnet secondary schools in Years 7 to 11 was as follows:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Maintained</b> | <b>Academy</b> | <b>Total number of (11-16 age group)</b> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| 2016-17     | 5639              | 16625          | 22264                                    |
| 2017-18     | 5686              | 17092          | 22778                                    |
| 2018-19     | 5976              | 17508          | 23484                                    |
| 2019-20     | 6282              | 18122          | 24404                                    |
| 2020-21     | 6453              | 18845          | 25298                                    |

### ***2) % of children (11-16 age group) who are persistent absentees (with an absence rate at or exceeding 10%) - each year for the last five years***

|               |
|---------------|
| % PA          |
| 2018/19 9.4%  |
| 2017/18 10.1% |
| 2016/17 11.3% |

2015/16 11.5%

We currently do not hold the data for 2019/20. You would need to request this directly from schools.

***3) % of children (11-16 age group) whose absence from school exceeds 50% - each year for the last five years***

We do not hold this data; you will need to request it directly from schools.

***4) No of secondary school places that the London Borough of Barnet funds in the independent, alternative sector - each year for the last five years.***

16/17 = 152

17/18 = 140

18/19 = 153

19/20 = 142

20/21 = 158

**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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