



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
24 June 2021
Our ref: 7371984

Thank you for your request received on 3 June 2021, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

1/ Please provide the total number of school-aged children recorded as missing from education in the academic year due to end in July. Please also provide figures for the previous three academic years (2017/18, 18/19 and 19/20).

Children are recorded as "missing from education" if they are of compulsory school age, and the authorities are unable to trace them - typically for four weeks or more, or two to three days in the case of vulnerable children.

2/ Please provide the total number of school-aged children recorded as missing from education in the academic year due to end in July who could not be traced at all (they were not found). Please also provide figures for the previous three academic years (2017/18, 18/19 and 19/20).

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file, using the template provided.

Previous figures are collated here:

<http://www.ncb.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/files/Children%2520Missing%2520EducationFINAL.pdf>

If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item when you can rather than delay everything until it is all available.

If there are any clarifications requested or exemptions cited for certain parts of the request, please provide responses for others in the meantime, as advised by the Information Commissioner.

If you need any clarification then please email me.

Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way so we can negotiate how best to proceed.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future,

Many thanks for your assistance,

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached.

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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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.