

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

24 June 2024
Our ref: 12267276

Thank you for your request received on 3 June 2024, for the following information:

- **The number of penalties issued to parents in relation to unauthorised absences**
- **The number of penalties issued to parents in relation to unauthorised holidays**
- **The number of staff whose role involves issuing penalties for unauthorised absences**

I would like the data broken down for the last five years, with a year-end date of 5 April or whichever year-end is most convenient.

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:

- ***The number of penalties issued to parents in relation to unauthorised absences***

2018/19: 46 Fixed Penalty Notices

2019/20: 30 Fixed Penalty Notices

2020/21: 0 Fixed Penalty Notices

2021/22: 210 Fixed Penalty Notices

2022/23: 571 Fixed Penalty Notices

- ***The number of penalties issued to parents in relation to unauthorised holidays***

2018/19: 1023 Fixed Penalty Notices

2019/20: 2156 Fixed Penalty Notices

2020/21: 45 Fixed Penalty Notices

2021/22: 164 Fixed Penalty Notices

2022/23: 469 Fixed Penalty Notices

- ***The number of staff whose role involves issuing penalties for unauthorised absences***

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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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