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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about School Fines which the Council received on 17th January 2014. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information;

1. How many fines have been issued to parents for unauthorised absences by children from school since the beginning of this academic year (2013/14) up until this FOI request?

Since the beginning of the financial year 2013/14 there have been 679 penalty notices issued to parents. 374 penalty notices have been issued since September 2013.

2. What is the total cash value of these fines so far? (if calculating this figure will take too long please supply me with the number of fines and the level of each fine and I'll work it out myself)

The total cash value of fines to date is £17,700- The Council does not account for income on an academic year basis, therefore the figures shown are income per financial year to date.

3. How many of these cases have reached court?

Since September 2013 to date, 18 files have been sent to the legal department and 33 files are in the process of being completed.

4. Please provide the number of fines and total cash value for the previous educational year (2012/13).

The total cash value of fines was £4590- The Council does not account for income on an academic year basis, therefore the figures shown are income per financial year. During 2012-13 there was a review of the Education Welfare Service and the service method of delivery changed. Penalty notices were not being used to the same extent until September. The number of penalty notices issued between 1st September 2013 and 31st March 2013 was 240.

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Yours sincerely

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