

Education & Skills

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to excluded pupils.

You have requested the following information:

- the fair access protocol in your area, and/or;
- any policies or protocols related to in-year admissions, for children and young people (CYP) who have been excluded from school, for CYP who have experienced a managed move or other type of negotiated transfer, for new arrivals to the area, and for any other category of in-year admission, and/or;
- any policies or protocols covering processes, placements and/or educational provision of any kind, in any place, for children and young people excluded from school, CYP who have experienced a managed move or other type of negotiated transfer, CYP at risk of exclusion and new arrivals to the area.

If you have more than one policy or protocol covering any of these processes in your local area, please send copies of all of them and indicate which geographic areas they cover. If you share a policy or protocol with another local authority area, please indicate this to us.

If there is no policy or protocol in place in your area related to the issues outlined above, please reply to inform us of this; also, please let us know if a policy or protocol is currently being developed.

As per Section 21 of the FOIA I can confirm that this information is accessible to you via the following links:

Fair Access https://www.coventry.gov.uk/inclusion

Supported Transfers https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/259/attendance and inclusion/3145/inclusion/2

Exclusions https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/259/attendance and inclusion/3145/inclusion/3

How many cases in each of the following categories came before the fair access panel in your area in 2018-19 or the last financial year for which data is available? Please indicate to us the financial year for which you are providing the data.

Categories include:

- Official exclusions
- Managed moves, or another type of negotiated transfer scheme
- New arrivals to the area
- Parent- or carer-initiated school move
- Any other category of CYP who are placed through this panel.

Coventry use an internal device that categories referrals please see below:

a)	Previous and recent permanent exclusion or Supported Transfer, or a high	26
	number (6 or more) of fixed term exclusions in the last 12 months	
b)	Evidence of persistent disruptive behaviour despite significant school	46
	intervention	
c)	Evidence of a significant amount of alternative or additional provision	17
	which has had little impact.	
d)	Other	7

All data relates to the 2018-19 academic year.

Please note that some cases fall into a number of categories, the returning officer has made a decision about which category best suits the situation and was deemed the most appropriate in each instance.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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