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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI462185999

Thank you for your request for information relating to Unauthorised absences.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many schoolchildren had unauthorised absences recorded in the past four academic years? (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/2022)?

- Please provide a breakdown per academic year/

Please note that we do not have a breakdown by number of students, we can only provide the percentage of students with unauthorised absences. Please see below:

2018/19 - 1.58%

2019/20 - 1.60%

2020/21 - 1.83%

2021/22 - 2.34%

2. Please provide the number of each punishment given to the parent/carers for unauthorised absences for each academic year. If fines, please provide the number of fines given and the total sum.

- Please provide a breakdown per academic year

Please note the figures we have provided below are for leave of absence.

2018/19 - 986 penalty notices issued
2019/20 - 1,508 penalty notices issued, 190 withdrawn
2020/21 - 273 penalty notices issued, 66 withdrawn
2021/22 - 1,753 penalty notices issued, 183 withdrawn

With regards to the amount of income received relating to leave of absence, we confirm we do not record this information and are advising you as per section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record separate amounts of income received for these notices.

3. What is the highest number of days a single pupil has had unauthorised absences for in the 2021/22 year?

We confirm we do not record this information and are advising you as per section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record this information on our system.

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Yours faithfully

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