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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI545317116

Thank you for your request for information relating to Specialist school places 2023.

You have requested the following information:

1. As of 1st September 2023, how many specialist school places in total, did your authority have? (Vacant & filled). This would include - Special Schools and Resourced Provision places within a mainstream setting.

1,347

2. How many children who have an EHCP are not currently accessing any formal education as of the date of receipt of this email?

3. How many children who have an EHCP do not have a place at any school?

For Questions 2 and 3, 20 children with an EHCP are in the placement process, many of whom have arrived new to the City during the summer break. Interim provision is ordinarily organised though home teaching unless the child's medical needs make that inappropriate.

Please provide the number of children who are currently waiting for an EHCP assessment that are:

- a) on roll but are unable to attend**
- b) have no school place**

c) electively home educated

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Coventry City Council does not operate a waiting list for EHCP assessments. The process in place following receipt of a referral follows the statutory framework.

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Yours faithfully

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