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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI558998904

Thank you for your request for information relating to number of children recorded for home schooling for past five school years.

You have requested the following information:

1. The number of children registered for elective home education over the past five school years (2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19)

2023: 411 2022: 387 2021: 343 2020: 213 2019: 154

2. Ideally I would like a monthly breakdown of this information for Sept 2022 - August 2023 - as well as the four years preceding this (Sept 2021 - August 2022; Sept 2020 - August 2021; Sept 2019 - August 2020; Sept 2018 - August 2019)

For Question 2, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We estimate that because the information is held in a nonreportable format and would require an officer to manually review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant information for the request, this would exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

3. If you have monthly data for September and October 2023 that you can provide separately that would also be helpful.

September 2023: 452 October 2023: 444

I would prefer to receive all the information electronically.

If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions in the Data Protection Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

If some parts of this request are easier to answer than others - or you can only release some of the information - I would ask that you get in touch with me as soon as possible to ensure at least some of the data is released on time.

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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: infoqov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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