

## Information Governance Team

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI582410649

Thank you for your request for information relating to Early Years Block grant.

You have requested the following information:

1. For the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24 (to the extent available), the value of your Early Years Block grant; the percentage and value you retain within the local authority from your Early Years Block grant; and a breakdown of the areas on which you spend the retained amount from your Early Year Block grant (broad areas rather than itemised spending).

2. The value of your SEN Inclusion Fund in each of the last 3 years; the number of children this spending related to in each of those 3 years; and the number of applications you received for SEN inclusion funding in each of those 3 years.

In response to your request, the value of SEN Inclusion Fund in Financial Year 2021/22 was  $\pounds$ 200k.

Regarding further details, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

Financial Year 2022/23 https://www.coventry.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/525/schools-forum (see Early Years formula document)

Financial Year 2023/24 https://www.coventry.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/531/schools-forum (see Early Years formula document)

2021/2022: 398 applications - all were awarded funding

2022/2023: 523 applications - 512 were awarded funding

2023/2024: 538 applications - 528 were awarded funding

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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: <u>infogov@coventry.gov.uk</u>

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

Yours faithfully

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