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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI662817392**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Home to school transport information.

You have requested the following information:

**I would like to request information relating to the three years stated below**

**2023/2024**

**2024/2025 Projected**

**2025/2026 Projected**

**1. Number of pupils between 5 and 16 that receive transport**

2023/2024: 942

2024/2025: Projected

955 (please note that this is the number of pupils receiving transport as at 27 November 2024)

2025/2026:

We are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information not held because this is mainly based on the number of students who have an EHCP. However, we tend to see a growth of approximately 6% each year.

**2. Number of pupils post 16 that receive transport**

2023/2024: 113

2024/2025 Projected

123 (please note that this is the number of pupils receiving transport as at 27 November 2024)

2025/2026 Projected

We are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information not held because this is

mainly based on the number of students who have an EHCP. However, we tend to see a growth of approximately 6% each year.

### **3. Income generated from post 16 charging**

2023/24 - £54,649

2024/25 - £54,565 based on Quarter 2 forecast

2025/26 – We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. This information cannot be provided as budget setting work for 2025/26 is still ongoing.

### **4. Your budget for providing home to school/college transport**

2023/24:

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:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/finance/section-251-tables>

2024/25 - This information is publicly available via our Section 251 returns on the Council website as above.

2025/26:

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. This information cannot be provided as budget setting work for 2025/26 is still ongoing.

### **5. Overall yearly cost of home to school/college transport**

- 2023/24 – This information is publicly available via our Section 251 returns (Lines 2.1.4/5/6/7) on the Council website - <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/finance/section-251-tables>

- 2024/25 - £8,353,000 (forecast)

- 2025/26

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. This information cannot be provided as budget setting work for 2025/26 is still ongoing.

### **6. Over/Underspend figures for the year**

- 2023/24 – (£128,000)

- 2024/25 - £437,000 (forecast)

- 2025/26 – This information is not yet available for 2025/26.

### **7. How many routes operated overall**

2023/24 - 150

2024/25 - 195

### **8. How many of these routes are operated by a Contractor**

2023/24 - 84

2024/25 - 127

### **9. How many of these routes do you operate with your own vehicles**

2023/24 - 66

2024/25 - 68

#### **10. Number of single occupancy vehicles operated**

2023/24 - 40

2024/25 - 50

#### **11. Cost of least expensive route operated. How many pupils are on this route and distance travelled.**

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. This information cannot be provided due to the constant change of journeys.

#### **12. Cost of most expensive route operated. How many pupils are on this route and distance travelled.**

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. This information cannot be provided due to the constant change of journeys.

#### **13. Number of bus passes issued**

2023/2024: 1,367

2024/2025 Projected

1,550 (please note that this is the number of pupils receiving transport as at 27 November 2024)

2025/2026 Projected

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. We do not yet have projected details available for 2025/26 academic year.

#### **14. Overall cost of bus passes**

2023/2024: £297,847.85 Please note this will not match with financial year data as the academic year covers 2 partial financial years.

2024/2025 Projected - £338,200

2025/2026 Projected

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held. We do not yet have projected details available for 2025/26 academic year.

#### **15. Is the cost of bus passes included in the budget stated above, and in the cost per pupil below?**

Bus Passes are included in the Home to School Transport figures within the Section 251 return.

#### **16. Cost per pupil per year**

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 do not hold data in a format to allow us to produce an answer to this question and therefore would require a manual trawl by officers. To calculate this figure accurately would take more than 18 hours. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can

also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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](mailto:infogov@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](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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