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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI675328542**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Fines for school absences.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many fines for school absences were issued by your council to parents in the school year 2023-24?**

4,231.

**2. How many have been issued so far in the school year 2024-25?**

1,063 as at 08 January 2025.

**3. How many in school year 2022-23?**

4,092.

**4. How many in school year 2021-22?**

2,303.

**5. How many in school year 2020-21?**

499.

**6. If you are able to break this down, can you please say how many of the fines listed above were repeated fines? Please give the figure for each school year. E.g. 23-24 total fines 100, of which repeated fines 20. A repeated fine is when a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this is charged at the higher rate of £160.**

The ruling for the 2nd fine offence came into effect 19 August 2024 and no applications were taken after schools broke up in July 2024 for Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance.

Of the 1,063 fines issued 01 September 2024 – 08 January 2025, two of these were second offences.

**7. How much money was raised by these fines in the school year 2023-24?**

£210,217.

**8. How much money has been raised so far in the school year 2024-25?**

£142,831 as at 07 January 2025.

**9. How much of this money raised has been returned to the government?**

Nil.

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