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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI680751419

Thank you for your request for information relating to Private school placements.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are being educated in independent schools paid for by council?

a) Please break down the numbers by financial year for the following years 2023/4, 2023/22; 2021/22

b) Please break down by private schools inside and outside borough

c) Please break down the cost of these independent placements by financial year for the following years 2023/4; 2023/22; 2021/22

For example, in the financial year 2023/4, the council funded 145 pupils with SEND to attend independent special schools. 50 pupils attended private schools outside of the borough/ in a different local authority's area. The total cost of these private school placements was £54,000

In response to your request, please see the breakdown below:

2023/2024

Coventry City Council placed 157 students in independent schools.
152 were outside of Coventry's boundaries.

The total cost of these placements was £7,123,989.06

2022/2023

Coventry City Council placed 153 students in independent schools.
145 were outside of Coventry's boundaries.

The total cost of these placements was £5,725,032.37

2021/2022

Coventry City Council placed 124 students in independent schools.
117 were outside of Coventry's boundaries.

The total cost of these placements was £5,360,602.62

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Yours faithfully

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