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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI704573769**

Thank you for your request for information relating to information regarding unaccredited online schools.

You have requested the following information:

**This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request information relating to unaccredited online schools. For the purposes of this request, “unaccredited online schools” refers to online education providers that offer full-time education to pupils of compulsory school age which have NOT been accredited under the Department for Education's Online Education Accreditation Scheme (see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-online-education-accreditation>).**

**For your information, I am aware that the Online Education Accreditation Scheme was only launched in the 2022/2023 academic year so all online school providers prior to 2022/2023 will have been unaccredited.**

**Please provide the following information:**

- 1. The total number of children the council has funded to attend unaccredited online schools in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive). Within each academic year, please break down the total by:**
  - a. Sex, i.e. how many of these children are male and how many are female.**
  - b. Age or 'Key Stage' year.**
  - c. Ethnicity.**
  - d. The proportion of these children that qualify/qualified for free school meals (but not**

including infant free school meals).

e. The proportion of these children that have/had special educational needs.

Nil.

2. The total amount the council has spent on this attendance at unaccredited online schools in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).

3. The mean cost per placement in an unaccredited online school in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).

4. The median cost per placement in an unaccredited online school in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).

5. The names of the unaccredited online school providers, or the top five most used unaccredited online school providers in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).

For Questions 2 to 5, these are not applicable.

**Please provide the most up-to-date information as of the date this request.**

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Yours faithfully

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