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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI774770720**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children missing from education.

You have requested the following information:

1. Total number of children in your LA

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. To assist, you may wish to contact the Office for National Statistics at the link below:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

2. Total number of children registered at school

As of the January 2025 DfE School Census there were 61,603 pupils on roll at Coventry schools.

3. Number of children who are electively home educated (EHE)

670.

4. Number of children who are receiving 'Education otherwise than at school' (EOTAS)

45.

5. Number of children awaiting a school placement

As of the start of Spring Term 2026 there were 96 pupils who have either been allocated a space but not yet taken on roll of the school allocated due to largely allocations having been made in recent days and schools still following their admission process, or where the pupil has newly arrived in the city and not yet received a school allocation as they have been in city for less than 10 days.

6. Number of children missing from education (CME)

259.

7. Whether you record reasons for why a child is missing from education

a) If so, the number of children under each reason

20	Moved from another Local Authority area in England and not yet applied for a school place
5	Moved from another country and not yet applied for a school place
0	Awaiting outcome of school application or appeal
0	Offered a school place but not yet accepted
25	Did not get school preference
0	Unsuitable home education
0	Difficulty accessing a school place
0	Dissatisfaction with school - general
0	Dissatisfaction with school - SEND
0	Mental health
0	Physical health
0	Parental decision not to register at school
0	Did not apply at compulsory school age
0	Challenging an SAO
45	Believe to have moved to another LA area in England
102	Believed to have moved to another country
0	Unknown
0	Reason not recorded
62	Other

8. If possible, the number of CME by the following demographic characteristics

a) Gender

138 Male.

121 Female.

b) Age

No of Students	Age
12	4
23	5
18	6
25	7
23	8
24	9
27	10
23	11
17	12
22	13
17	14
24	15
Section 40	16

Due to the low numbers involved, we cannot provide numbers for other ages, This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

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c) NC year

20	Reception
23	Year 1
23	Year 2
24	Year 3
17	Year 4
35	Year 5
12	Year 6
24	Year 7
21	Year 8
21	Year 9
17	Year 10
22	Year 11

d) Ethnicity

12	WBRI
Section 40	WIRI
0	WIRT
52	WOTH
31	WROM
0	MWBC
Section 40	MWBA
Section 40	MWAS
Section 40	MOTH
23	AIND
16	APKN
0	ABAN
13	AOTH
Section 40	BCRB
25	BAFR
Section 40	BOTH
Section 40	CHNE
11	OOH
Section 40	REFU
62	NOBT

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e) FSM eligibility

41.

f) SEN status

8 SEN Support.

5 EHCP.

g) EAL

92.

h) Known to social care

38.

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Yours faithfully

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