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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI799997604**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Alternative Provision statistics.

You have requested the following information:

1. Please provide a full copy of the local authority's current Alternative Provision directory in the format it is provided to schools.

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/directory/133/coventry-alternative-provision-2526>

2. Secondly, for the school years 2022-3, 2023-4; 2024-5 and 2025-6 (if held), please provide the following information:

a) A list of all Alternative Provision (AP) settings where young people in the local authority are/were placed, either part or full-time. Please mark if each setting is classified as registered or unregistered alternative provision, the needs category each setting caters for, where relevant (eg SEND, SEMH, both SEND and SEMH, etc.), and whether the setting provides online or in person learning, or a hybrid or the two.

Example: - Sunnydale learning - unregistered - SEMH - online

b) Aggregated totals of how many students across the local authority are/were enrolled at each of these settings. Please break down this data to show an aggregated total of how many young people at each AP setting are/were enrolled there on a part-time or full-time basis, if this data is held.

Provider	Registration	No of students	No of students	No of students	No of students
1-2 Achieve	Unregistered		Section 40		
Academy 21	Unregistered			Section 40	
Aspire and Thrive	Registered				Section 40
Bright Outcomes	Registered				Section 40
Burton Albion Community Trust	Registered	Section 40			
Circles	Unregistered			Section 40	
Coventry Outdoor Education	Unregistered		Section 40	Section 40	
Creative Optimistic Visions	Unregistered		Section 40		
Dare2Dream	Registered	Section 40	Section 40	Section 40	
Dyslexia West Midlands	Unregistered	Section 40			
Eagles Nest	Registered	Section 40			
Evercare	Unregistered			Section 40	
Flourish at The Farm Ltd	Registered	Section 40	10	7	Section 40
Haddon Training	Registered			Section 40	
Leamington Lamp Ltd	Registered	Section 40			
Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm	Unregistered				Section 40
Lumen Academy	Registered			Section 40	Section 40
MAC Project	Unregistered			Section 40	
Mindjam	Registered			Section 40	
Moor Farm Training Stables	Unregistered			Section 40	
MW Impact	Unregistered			7	18
Nulogic	Registered	Section 40			
Nuneaton and North Warwickshire Equestrian Centre	Unregistered			Section 40	
PET Xi Cov	Registered				Section 40
Positive Impact	Registered	6			
Positive Youth Foundation	Registered		Section 40	6	Section 40
Progressive Education	Registered	Section 40			
Progressive Training	Registered				6
Prospero Care/Prospero Training	Registered		Section 40	Section 40	
Resources for Autism	Unregistered	Section 40	Section 40	Section 40	
Right Trax - Coventry	Registered			Section 40	
Silverberry	Unregistered			7	
SMS Coaching Ltd	Registered	Section 40			
TCES National Online School	Registered			Section 40	
The Limes in Manchester	Unregistered	Section 40			
Uneek	Unregistered	Section 40			
Wood Venturers	Unregistered		Section 40		

Please note:

The figures for 2025/2026 are as of March 2026.

In relation to the needs category each setting caters for, we do not hold this information and advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

In relation to the mode of delivery for pupils (with the exception of TCES National Online School), 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 this information in a summary format and have estimated that it will exceed 18 hours to provide this. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

Please note that all pupils would have been enrolled on a part-time basis.

We have not provided figures where there are low numbers of children. 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).

Please note the totals relate to young people placed in alternative provision by the Local Authority. It does not include those placed by Coventry Schools.

c) The average cost per young person per day for each provider.

It is confirmed that the Council does hold information pursuant to your request. However, it is our view that the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 43(2) – Commercially Sensitive Information. Section 43(2) exempts information from disclosure where disclosure of that information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

It is the Council’s position that the third party providers and its own commercial interests would be prejudiced and/or would be likely to be prejudiced by the disclosure of the requested information.

Once the information is disclosed this means that it will be in the public domain and it could not only be used by the requester but also any other providers in a similar market.

Arguments in favour of disclosure.

- Promote accountability and transparency for the Council’s decisions and in its spending of public money.
- Assist the public to understand and challenge our decisions.
- Inform the public of the activities carried out on their behalf, allowing for more user involvement and collaborative decision making.
- Enable the public to better scrutinise the public monies spent

Arguments against disclosure.

- There is a public interest in allowing public authorities to withhold information which if disclosed, would reduce providers' ability to compete in a commercial environment.
- The successful providers operate in a competitive market. If prejudicing the commercial interests of the successful providers in the market would distort competition in that market, this would not be in the public interest.
- Disclosure of information may cause unwarranted reputational damage or loss of confidence in the Council.
- Revealing information such as a pricing mechanism can be detrimental to a provider's commercial interest. If an organisation has knowledge of a provider's business model, it can exploit this for its own commercial interest. This would also have a detrimental impact on the Council on other contracts and procurements by distorting the market, for the reasons stated above.

Having considered the arguments for and against disclosure, the Council has decided that the public interest in this case is best served by maintaining the exemption under section 43(2) FOIA and by not disclosing the information requested.

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

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.

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

Yours faithfully

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