



Coventry City Council



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Dear 

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information about teaching days lost which the Council received on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

You have requested the following information;

**What was the average number of teaching days per full time equivalent member of teaching staff, lost due to absence at your schools in 2010, 2011 and 2012?**

**What was the total number of teaching days lost due to absence in each of those years?**

In respect of questions 1 and 2 above, please see the attached spreadsheet. Please note that the information is provided by financial year and not calendar year.

**How many of those days were due to training?**

**How many were due to personal leave and sickness?**

In respect of questions 3 and 4 above, it has been established that the Council does not record the information in such a way that it enables us to provide a breakdown as requested. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

### **Customer and Workforce Services**

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### **What were the annual costs for agency supply teaching cover during this time?**

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold all school-related information and schools are classed as separate public authorities for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act. This means they are responsible for handling any requests for information that they hold. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

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To advise and assist you in this should you wish to contact any schools directly, their contact details can be found at the following link:

[http://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/10/schools\\_and\\_their\\_contact\\_details](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/10/schools_and_their_contact_details)

### **What was the average rate of student absence at your schools for these years?**

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Primary	5.52%	5.22%	4.37%	Not available
Secondary	7.05%	6.96%	6.05%	?
Special	15.47%	14.04%	12.88%	?

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I hope you feel that our response meets your request. However you have a right to make representations about the outcome or handling of your request – in the first instance this must be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter, to the Council's Information Governance Team at:

Council House, Room 21a  
Lower Ground Floor  
Earl Street, Coventry.  
CV1 5RR  
[infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

Sue Gilbert  
**Information Governance Assistant**

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Directorate/Year Sickness absence	Average No of FTE's	Total FTE Days Lost	Days Lost per FTE
<b>2009/10</b>			
<b>10 Children Learning &amp; Young People's - Schools Teachers</b>	<b>2,682.85</b>	<b>22,193.18</b>	<b>8.27</b>
<b>2010/12</b>			
<b>10 Children Learning &amp; Young People's - Schools Teachers</b>	<b>2,695.22</b>	<b>19,738.78</b>	<b>7.32</b>
<b>2011/12</b>			
<b>10 Children Learning &amp; Young People's - Schools Teachers</b>	<b>2,276.62</b>	<b>15,467.20</b>	<b>6.79</b>
<b>2012/13 to end Feb only</b>			
<b>10 Children Learning &amp; Young People's - Schools Teachers</b>	<b>2,146.43</b>	<b>13,908.79</b>	<b>6.48</b>