



Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, for information about school attendance.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised. Please note, reporting years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 have been impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic and therefore will provide a distorted view of the figures provided.

**Request:**

"We are working on a story for ITV regional news programmes about school attendance. Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the following information: 1. Over the past three academic years, how many fines / penalty notices have been issued either by the local authority or a school in your area, to parents or guardians in relation to their child or children's school attendance? 2. Over the past three academic years, how much money has been collected through fines / penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance? 3. Over the past three academic years, how many Parenting Orders, Education Supervision Orders and School Attendance Orders have been issued to parents or guardians in relation to their child or children's school attendance? 4. Over the past three academic years, how many prosecutions have been pursued in your area due to school absences?"

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**Response:**

2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020	Total
2630	1138	3605	7373

2. Over the past three academic years, how much money has been collected through fines / penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance?

**Response:**

2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
£118,560.00	£48,060.00	£122,220.00

3. Over the past three academic years, how many Parenting Orders, Education Supervision Orders and School Attendance Orders have been issued to parents or

guardians in relation to their child or children's school attendance?

**Response:**

None

4. Over the past three academic years, how many prosecutions have been pursued in your area due to school absences?

**Response:**

2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
180	139	182

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £42.50 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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