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From: [FOI Responses](#)

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Freedom of Information Response [REDACTED]

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 10th June 2025 for information about school attendance enforcement. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

1. Of the pupil enrolments in academic year 2023/24 submitted in response to the census, and shown in column K of the attached spreadsheet, how many pupils had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or SEN support short of an EHCP?
2. Of the pupil enrolments in academic year 2023/24 submitted in response to the census, and shown in column K of the attached spreadsheet, how many pupils had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?
3. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance in 2023/24, as per column L of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or SEN support short of an EHCP?
4. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance in 2023/24, as per column L of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?
5. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance for reasons other than holidays or lateness in 2023/24, as per column P of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or SEN support short of an EHCP?
6. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance for reasons other than holidays or lateness in 2023/24, as per column P of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

Response:

Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act allows for a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds the appropriate limit. After carefully considering your request for information the City of Doncaster Council has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the [Freedom of Information \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004](#). The regulations allow a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds £450 (or 18 hours of officer time).

The cost limit applies in this case because the City of Doncaster Council does not hold a central record of this information and in order to determine penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance in 2023/24, as per column L of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care a total of 684 cases will need to be reviewed. It is estimated that each case will require a 10-minute investigation. As details of 684 cases require review in order to determine this information this would result in a total time of approximately 114 hours which would exceed the time limit.

In order for us to reconsider your request we ask that you make your request more specific by narrowing down the scope of your request. For example, we can answer question 1 to 3 within the time limit. If you would like to make a request for this information please respond to this email address.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 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

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 Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,
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Please treat the content of this e-mail as confidential. If you have received this e-mail and it is not addressed to you please accept my apologies and inform me as soon as possible.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 June 2025 15:37
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request re school attendance enforcement

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The information concerns parental responsibility measures in the 2023/24 academic year, based on figures provided by local authorities in the [parental responsibility measures attendance census](#) (referred to henceforth as "the census").

My request relates directly to the figures provided by the council in response to this census, and subsequently published by the Department for Education. A spreadsheet containing relevant figures is attached, and my questions will refer to the spreadsheet.

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Some of these questions concern “EHCP and/or SEN support short of an EHCP”, while others concern just EHCPs. This is in case the council does not record the requested information in relation to “SEN support short of an EHCP”.

If the information for any question is not recorded in an available manner, please mark that question as “information not held” and process the remainder of the request.

I would like the information sent by email in the attached “Response spreadsheet”.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]