

**From:** Dook, Ellen  
**Sent:** 25 April 2025 15:26  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 9 April 2025 for information about unaccredited online schools. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

### **Request**

1. The total number of children the council has funded to attend unaccredited online schools in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive). Within each academic year, please break down the total by:
  - a. Sex, i.e. how many of these children are male and how many are female.
  - b. Age or 'Key Stage' year.
  - c. Ethnicity.
  - d. The proportion of these children that qualify/qualified for free school meals (but not including infant free school meals).
  - e. The proportion of these children that have/had special educational needs.
2. The total amount the council has spent on this attendance at unaccredited online schools in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).
3. The mean cost per placement in an unaccredited online school in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).
4. The median cost per placement in an unaccredited online school in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).
5. The names of the unaccredited online school providers, or the top five most used unaccredited online school providers in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).

### **Response**

None, we do not place in online schools.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 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 faithfully,**

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