

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests

**Sent:** 16 June 2025 09:51

**To:**

**Subject:** FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 19 May 2025 for information about unauthorised school absences. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1, The total number of penalty notices for unauthorised school absences the council issued

2021/22

**2637**

2022/23

**6779**

2023/24

**7645**

2, Of those, the total number that were for an unauthorised family holiday absence

2021/22

**2632**

2022/23

**6233**

2023/24

**6961**

3, The total revenue generated from issuing penalty notices for unauthorised school absences

2021/22

**£141,708**

2022/23

**£279,362**

2023/24

**£292,597**

4. Please provide a detailed breakdown on what the money generated from issuing these penalty notices has been spent on.

Team Costs (Financial year)		
2021-22		622729

2022-23		630260
2023-24		674595

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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