



My Ref: FOI 6435
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am requesting detailed data relating to schools within the Barnsley administrative district. The information must cover the last five academic years, with figures provided year-by-year wherever possible.

1. Formal complaints about schools

For each education phase — early years, primary, and secondary — I require the number of formal complaints received by the Council categorised under:

- **quality of teaching**
- **Bullying or harassment of students, separated into:**
- **bullying/harassment by other students**
- **bullying/harassment by teaching or school staff**
- **professional standards of school staff**
- **other reasons not including the above.**

The Council does not process formal complaints about schools and as such we do not hold this information. If a complaint was received about a school the complainant would be advised to contact the school directly as they must follow the schools own complaints procedure.

The Council may become involved in complaints regarding schools for any safeguarding/child protection concerns, SEND related concerns or if an issue was raised via Ofsted or the DfE. It is unlikely that these matters would be recorded as formal complaints but as the specific matters they relate to. In any case, and where applicable, it would first be established if the complainant had gone through the school's own complaints procedure.

For each of the above categories, please also state:

- **how many complaints were escalated to the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman,**
- **how many were taken to a local MP for representation or further action, and**
- **how many were escalated to law enforcement, including:**
- **referrals to South Yorkshire Police, and**
- **matters that proceeded to court action.**

N/A

2. Pupil withdrawals from state education

For primary and secondary phases, please provide:

- the number of pupils withdrawn from state education to be educated privately, and**

We do not hold this information.

- the number of pupils registered with the Council as home educated.**

The total number of children registered as home educated on the register is:

EHE Register as of the 7th August 2026 there are 899 children and young people.
648 at Secondary Phase and 251 at Primary Phase.

3. Teaching staff misconduct

For primary and secondary schools, please provide the number of teaching staff who, in each of the last five academic years, were:

- dismissed,**
- suspended, and/or**
- struck off the teachers' professional register as a result of professional misconduct.**

The Council does not hold statistical information to answer this aspect of the request. Whilst the council may receive referrals to the LADO about the conduct of teachers, the outcome as to whether the teacher is dismissed, suspended or struck off may not necessarily be known. If it is recorded as an outcome there is no way for a statistical report to be obtained, it would require manual searches of all LADO cases to determine if any information is held which would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, equivalent to 18 hours of staff time. As such I apply Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to this aspect of the request.

It may be possible to answer your request if the scope were narrowed, though given the manual searches required it would need to be narrowed significantly from the current 5 year timescale.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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