



My Ref: FOI 5807
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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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: -

1. The total number of children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) currently maintained by the council.

3482 as at end of February 2026.

2. The number of specialist school places available for pupils with SEND within the borough, broken down by type of provision where possible (for example: special schools, specialist units within mainstream schools, resourced provisions, etc).

649 specialist places (pre and post 16),
64 SEN Unit places within mainstream schools,
157 Resourced Provision places within mainstream schools.

3. The number of pupils with EHCPs currently attending:

- a) specialist schools – 978 (includes in and out of borough, all ages)
- b) mainstream schools within the borough - 1516
- c) independent or out-of-area placements - 256 Independent Schools and 722 out of area specialist placements

4. The total number of pupils with SEND attending mainstream schools in the borough, including those on SEND Support without an EHCP – 7098 (based on latest school census data as at January 2026).

5. If available, the number of pupils with SEND in mainstream schools broken down by:

- a) SEND Support - 5103
- b) EHCP - 1995

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

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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