



My Ref: FOI/ 5050
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: -

- 1) Please provide the number of home educated children known to your local authority as of the 30th September 2025.**

800

- 2) Please state how many of these started home education/became known to your service after 25th July 2025.**

94

- 3) Please state how many home educated children are currently considered CME or not in receipt of a suitable education. This question relates to any child that was known to be home educated before concerns arose**

Less than 5

What is the status of the children counted in question 3, for example the child has moved out of the area and address now unknown, notified the education is not suitable, served a s437(1) notice to satisfy, or served an SAO (in Scotland attendance order was served).

Less than 5

- 4) State how many s437(1) have been served since the 30/9/2024 to 30/9/2025.**

36

- 5) How many SAOs (attendance order in Scotland) served in that same time period.**

12

- 6) Clarify whether the s437(1) and SAO figures are per parent/caregiver or per child.**

Per child

7) Explain the status of each SAO (attendance order), for example the child was sent to school upon receipt of the SAO, awaiting court date, home education deemed suitable therefore SAO revoked.

Returned to school – Less than 5
Suitable Education = Less than 5
Awaiting for Court = 7

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Information Requests Team
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Barnsley
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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