



My Ref: FOI5925
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 would like to request the following information in relation to school attendance penalty notices for the most recent three-year period available:

- **The total number of penalty notices issued for unauthorised school absences, broken down by year.**
This data can be found on our website here [Penalty Notice Figures](#)
- **The total amount of revenue generated from these penalty notices, broken down by year.**
This figure can be established from the data found on our website here [Penalty Notice Figures](#)
- **The number of repeat offenders (i.e. parents or guardians who have received more than one penalty notice within the same academic year), broken down by year where possible.**

24/25 - 135
25/26 - 593

This data is the number of parents that received more than one PN in the academic year 2024/2025 and more than one PN in the academic year 2025/2026 it does not mean they received both PN's in same academic year as we do not hold the data in this format.

If available, I would also be grateful for a breakdown of penalty notices issued by reason (for example, term-time holidays, persistent absence, etc.).

We do not split the data in this way our policy is not to issue multiple PN's for unauthorised absence, if a PN did not bring about sustained improvements to attendance we would consider referral to the Education Welfare Service for assessment and intervention and where appropriate legal enforcement.

If any of this information is not held in the format requested, please provide the closest available data.

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.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
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email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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