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Request:

1. I would be grateful if you could provide the latest available figures covering the period from 2016 until now; for the number of school age children in your authority recorded as Code B (educated offsite). Please exclude children on vocational courses and on work experience. I would like the figures broken down by school year please.

The LA does request that schools let us know when a pupil receives off site education, however we do not hold information about the curriculum the pupil is accessing. In general most off-site provision will be for vocational courses. We would expect work experience to be recorded as a "W" on the attendance register.

Count of pupil enrolments with 1 or more B codes by academic year: 2016-17 = 4063

2017-18 = 29652018-19 (up to end of Easter Term) = 1605

2. Please breakdown by:

i) Primary aged children, years 1 – 6
2016-17 = 1681
2017-18 = 1508
2018-19 (up to end of Easter Term) =561

ii) secondary aged children, years 7 - 11
2016-17 = 2382
2017-18 = 1457
2018-19 (up to end of Easter Term) =1044

3. Further could you specify if any schools (of all types) are not required to inform the authority when they categorise a child as educated offsite?

There is no legislative requirement for schools to share this information with the LA, however all schools are asked to share detailed attendance data and information about pupil activity.

4. Have Ofsted issued any formal warnings to providers of Alternative Provision responsible for children funded by the authority. If, yes, please name the providers?

No.

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5. Could you please inform me as to whether it is the authority or the schools that fund alternative provision for children designated as Code B? If the authority pays for alternative provison does the school cease to receive funding for that child?

Schools would be expected to pay for off-site provision.

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