



Reference: FOI3914

**Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

1/ Please provide the total number of school-aged children recorded as missing from education in the academic year due to end in July. Please also provide figures for the previous three academic years (2017/18, 18/19 and 19/20).

Children are recorded as "missing from education" if they are of compulsory school age, and the authorities are unable to trace them - typically for four weeks or more, or two to three days in the case of vulnerable children.

- **2017/2018 - 105**
- **2018/2019 - 187**
- **2019/2020 - 150**
- **2020/2021 - 224 (as of 09/06/2021)**

2/ Please provide the total number of school-aged children recorded as missing from education in the academic year due to end in July who could not be traced at all (they were not found). Please also provide figures for the previous three academic years (2017/18, 18/19 and 19/20).

- **2017/2018 - 0**
- **2018/2019 - 17**
- **2019/2020 - 15**
- **2020/2021 - 15(as of 09/06/2021)**