

Response to Request for Information

School transport

I can confirm that the information requested is held by City of Wolverhampton Council. I list below the information that is being released to you.

In your request you asked:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide full answers to each of the following questions about school transport arrangements in your area:

1. For the academic year just ended, how many pupils received free home to school transport? **848**
2. What was the total cost to the local authority of this provision? If possible please break this down by contracts for commercial buses/coaches, and passes for children to travel on public services? **The Council's financial year end is March which does not align with the academic year. The total cost of provision for the latest full financial year (ended 31 March 2020 - unaudited) was £4,829,447.**
3. How many children received concessionary/spare/vacant seat places, and if possible how much money was received for these? **0 (not offered)**
4. What is the current estimate for how many pupils will receive free home to school transport for the coming academic year and the current estimate of the cost to the authority? **875 (predicted)**
5. Has the authority allowed applications for concessionary/spare/vacant seat places, revised numbers or told parents that there may not be capacity this year because of coronavirus? **No (not offered)**
6. Is the authority doing anything else to reduce demand for school buses, such as offering to reimburse parents for mileage expenses if they drive their children to school, or recruiting minicabs etc? If so please provide details. **Yes – We have offered temporary PTB to parent that were transporting pupils during COVID currently 16 new PTB due to this.**

Please quote the reference number 1842717 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an

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Information Governance Team
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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, contact details can be found on their website: www.ico.org.uk

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