



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 041567
Date 17 April 2015

School Attendance

Request:

1. How many Penalty Notices have been issued to parents/guardians because their children missed school?

Please provide figures for the following academic years: 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Please also provide a breakdown between Penalty Notices issued to parents/guardians of children attending primary school and parents/guardians of children attending secondary school.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Number of Penalty Notices issued to parents of primary school children	35	42	223	250 so far
Number of Penalty Notices issued to parents of secondary school children	47	83	94	76 so far

2. How much money has been collected from Penalty Notices issued to parents/guardians because their children have missed school?

Please provide figures for the following academic years: 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Please also provide a breakdown between parents/guardians of children attending primary school and parents/guardians of children attending secondary school.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Amount of money collected from Penalty Notices issued for parents/guardians of primary school children				
Amount of money collected from Penalty Notices issued for parents/ guardians of secondary school children				

In answer to your above we only started issuing Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave of Absence in September 2013, after a change to Government Guidance, therefore we do not hold information prior to those years.

The amount collected for the period September 2013 – March 2014 was £3,685.

The collective amount collected the financial year 14/15 was £25,010.

We do not collect the data relating to the age of the child for whom the penalty notice was issued.

3. How many parents/guardians have been prosecuted for their children's non-attendance?

Please provide figures for the following academic years: 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15

Please also provide a breakdown between parents/guardians of children attending primary school and parents/guardians of children attending secondary school.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Number of parents/guardians of primary school children who have been prosecuted	27	42	41	44 including pending
Number of parents/guardians of secondary school children who have been prosecuted	33	73	69	46 including pending

4. How many parents/guardians have been convicted by the Magistrates Court because their children missed school?

Please provide figures for the following academic years: 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Please also provide a breakdown between parents of children attending primary school and parents of children attending secondary school.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Number of parents/guardians of primary school children	25	39	24	10 so far

who have been convicted				
Number of parents/guardians of secondary school children who have been convicted	28	44	52	6 so far

5. How parents/ guardians have been fined by the Magistrates Court because their children missed school?

Please provide figures for the following academic years: 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Please also provide a breakdown between parents/guardians of children attending primary school and parents/guardians of children attending secondary school.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Number of parents/guardians of primary school children who have been fined by the Magistrates Court	14	24	22	7 so far
Number of parents/guardians of secondary school children who have been fined by the Magistrates Court	13	45	37	7 so far

6. How many parents/guardians have been jailed by the Magistrates Court because their children missed school?

Please provide figures for the following academic years: 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Please also provide a breakdown between parents/guardians of children attending primary school and parents of children attending secondary school.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
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Number of parents/guardians of primary school children who have been jailed	0	0	0	0
Number of parents/guardians of secondary school children who have been jailed	0	0	1	0

7. Of those parents/ guardians convicted for non-school attendance, what was the longest term of imprisonment imposed by the Magistrates Court?

Please provide figures for the following academic years: 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Please also provide a breakdown between parents of children attending primary school and parents of children attending secondary school.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Longest prison term imposed by the Magistrates court for parents/ guardians of primary school children				
Longest prison term imposed by the Magistrates court for parents of secondary school children			8 weeks	

8. If possible within the costs limits, of those jailed please provide any information held on the circumstances which led to a prison sentence.

In respect of the case mentioned, the Council is aware that this was an ongoing problem and the sentence imposed by the Court reflected that there were no other means to rectify the situation. Fuller records regarding this matter will be held by HMSC, and the Council considers this to be information readily accessible to applicants by other means, namely in this instance by making a suitable request to the Court service details for whom are provided below:

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