

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request.

The councils response is as follows:

- Does each school intend to issue a fixed penalty notice to pupils' families for non-attendance in September 2020? - A yes/no answer broken down by the individual schools

The decision to issue a fixed penalty notice for non-school attendance is that of the headteacher, and heads are not required to inform the local authority of their intentions. FOI requests would need to be directed at individual schools to collect this information.

- What is the school's or local authority's fixed penalty amount for non-attendance? - in GBP, broken down by the individual schools if applicable

The fine is £120 but falls to £60 if paid within the first 21 days.

- Of the pupils eligible to return to school in June 2020, what percentage of pupils actually attended full time for the whole month June 2020 - broken down by the individual schools

The DfE provides Nottinghamshire County Council with a summary of the data returns from Nottinghamshire schools. The data does not necessarily reflect attendance at each school, because

* Many schools have formed hubs during the Covid 19 emergency period, and hub schools are therefore returning attendance data on children who are not on their roll

* During June schools were supplying varying attendance levels as they welcomed back pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 alongside children of keyworkers and vulnerable children.

* Some year 10 and 12 children attended for short sessions and we do not know if these were included on attendance registers or not – but this further complicates the picture.

* There was no obligation for parents to return their children to school, and so some children attended on one or two days a week and others attended all week.

* Not all schools returned attendance data on all days.

Given this information it is not possible to produce even an estimate of percentage attendance by school for the month of June.

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottsc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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