

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. Firstly I apologise for the delay in replying to you and hope that it has not caused any inconvenience. I have the following information.

1) *Does your Local Education Authority (LEA) operate a voluntary registration scheme for pupils undergoing elective home education (EHE)?*

Yes and no.

(i) All children withdrawn from school by parents/carers to be home educated are automatically registered as EHE with Nottinghamshire CC (NCC). This is not a voluntary scheme;

(ii) parents/carers of any home educated children of whom NCC becomes aware, who have not been withdrawn from a school, are contacted by the NCC EHE team and asked to register with the LA. This is a voluntary scheme.

2) *Does your LEA operate a compulsory registration scheme for pupils undergoing EHE?*

Please see the response above.

3) *What guidance does your LEA provide with regards to EHE? (Please provide link to any online guidance.)*

Parents are advised to read the 'Elective home education' page on the NCC public website, which contains downloadable 'Home Education Guidance Notes' for parents/carers:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/home-education/elective-home-education>

*In each of the last 5 years for which you have data:*

4) *In how many cases of EHE have you investigated (under s.436A of the Education Act 1996 or otherwise) to find if children are receiving suitable education?*

One case

5) *How many school attendance orders have been issued with regard to children found to be receiving unsuitable EHE (or who have been claimed to be receiving EHE)?*

None in each year from 2012/13 to 2016/17. In 2017-18, so far, we have had one issued.

6) *How many school attendance orders have been issued with regard to children found to be attending illegal (unregistered schools)?*

None

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottsc.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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