

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request.

The Councils Response is as follows:

Please can you tell me how many children of school age (5-16) in Nottinghamshire are not going to school due to a long-term health need, such as cancer or mental health illness? Or to phrase it differently, in the period of 2018 - 2019, how many children covered by the Nottinghamshire County Council had a health condition that means that they could not attend school full-time?

I can confirm that in the academic year 2018-2019 there were 722 pupils in Nottinghamshire accessing part time education in school or with an alternative education provider as a result of their physical or social, emotional and mental health needs. The table below identifies which school year group these pupils were attending.

2018/19		
NCY	No.	%
Reception	<5	0.10%
0	23	3.00%
1	21	2.70%
2	16	2.10%
3	22	2.80%
4	27	3.50%
5	31	4.00%
6	43	5.60%
7	47	6.10%
8	79	10.20%
9	128	16.60%
10	149	19.30%
11	176	22.80%
12	5	0.60%
13	<5	0.50%
14		0.00%
Total	772	100%

There were 177 pupils who required tuition to be provided by the Health Related Education Team whilst their physical and mental health needs were resolved, or while longer term support plans were put in place by the pupil's school. There are two main categories of pupils in receipt of provision.

- Those with a physical or medical condition, which prevents them from attending school. This could be due to post-operative recovery or life limiting conditions (such as cancer) or an illness lasting more than 15 days.

- Those experiencing severe anxiety about attending school. This might include those with a psychological, psychiatric or mental health issue.

In addition children of school age admitted to Kings Mill receive daily provision if their stay is expected to be longer than 3 days. Following discharge provision continues at home where appropriate.

This team usually provides a maximum of 12 weeks support except in exceptional circumstances.

Can you also tell me how many children of school age (5-16) will be shielding due to their long term illness or their vulnerability to COVID-19, come September 2020, when schools reopen for the new term?

The expectation is that the need to shield will be suspended after the 1 August so there will be no children officially shielding at that time. The LA will not have data about pupil absence as a result of long term physical and mental illness this would be held by individual schools or would form part of more general data about school absence.

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@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

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