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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 4 November 2024, for information about home education.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Request:**

1. For each academic year including and between 2013/2014 and 2023/2024 - how many children were registered with your council as being home educated?

(if required you may exclude the data for years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 due to data anomalies caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic)

2. For each academic year including and between 2013/2014 - how many children were registered with your council as being home educated are flagged as having disabilities or SEN needs

(If required you may exclude data for years 2019/2020 and 2021/2021 due to data anomalies caused by the COVID 19 pandemic)

3. For each academic year, including and between 2013/2014 and 2023/2024 - what were the reasons given by parents notifying the council of their decision to home educate as to why they were opting to home educate their children, and the numbers for each reason

For example if there were 32 parents who cited bullying as a reason, or 52 who cited mental health or 100 that did it for philosophical reasons, please do cite both the reasons, and the number of parents

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**Response:**

City of Doncaster Council do not have data for the years before 2022/23, due a change in recording system.

Below are the figures for the two most recent years, counting all pupils who were Electively Home Educated at any point during the year.

The number with SEND is based on children who were recorded with an EHCP or SEN support.

The information marked with \* is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information requested is third party personal data (i.e. personal data about someone other than you). Section 40 (2) provides that information which is third party

personal data is exempt from disclosure if one of three conditions is satisfied. In this case the following condition applies:

1. Disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles

The information you have requested is personal data and has not been provided in this case, as City of Doncaster Council believes that the release of such low numbers to responses could specifically lead to the identification of a child who otherwise would not expect their personal information to be released into the public domain.

	2022/23	2023/24
Total number of EHE	1104	1336
Number with SEND	170	167
<b>Reasons</b>		
Did not get school preference	9	9
Difficulty in accessing a school place	*	*
Dissatisfaction with the school – bullying		14
Dissatisfaction with the school – general	125	123
Dissatisfaction with the school – SEND		8
Health concerns relating to Covid-19	*	*
Lifestyle choice	112	86
Mental health	79	141
Other	173	204
Parent/guardian did not give a reason	53	167
Permanent exclusion		*
Philosophical or preferential reasons	97	81
Physical health		20
Religious reasons		*
Risk of school exclusion	6	16
Suggestion/pressure from the school		*
Unknown	447	457

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

#### **Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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