

Freedom of Information – Response – 27014

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

Please note that much of the requested information is readily accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. **Section 21** of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Links to access the requested information have been given for questions 1 to 5.

Q1 How many pupils were registered in secondary schools in your area in the 2025/2026, 2024/2025, 2023/2024, and 2022/2023 academic years?

Up to 2024/2025 can be found in the DfE published statistics. <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-catalogue/data-set/77d37133-ab0e-4428-aa62-9aae5bfd73>
In the October 2025 school census there were 45,403 pupils registered in secondary schools in Suffolk.

Q2 How many pupils were registered in primary schools in your area in the 2025/2026, 2024/2025, 2023/2024, and 2022/2023 academic years?

Up to 2024/2025 can be found in the DfE published statistics. <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-catalogue/data-set/77d37133-ab0e-4428-aa62-9aae5bfd73>
In the October 2025 school census there were 54,426 pupils registered in primary schools in Suffolk.

Q3 How many private and fee-paying schools in your area have closed or announced plans to close in the 2025/2026, 2024/2025, 2023/2024, and 2022/2023 academic years?

Details of those that have closed can be found at <https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/>

Q4 How many new private and fee-paying schools have opened in your area in the 2025/2026, 2024/2025, 2023/2024, and 2022/2023 academic years?

This can be found at <https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/>

Q5 How many pupils were registered as attending independent fee-paying schools in your area in the 2025/2026, 2024/2025, 2023/2024, and 2022/2023 academic years?

Up to 2024/2025 can be found in the DfE published statistics. <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-catalogue/data-set/77d37133-ab0e-4428-aa62-9aae5bfd73>
We do not have this information other than from the DfE published figures.

