

Freedom of Information – Response – 27244

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

1. Can you confirm the number of distinct pupils in the authority who were Electively Home educated (EHE) at any point in the academic year for the last five complete academic years, broken down by academic year (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). Please also provide the number of those who have an EHCP.

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council holds this information. However, the 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.

Data is published by the Dfe and is publicly available on the Department for Education site. Each year they publish the previous academic years EHE at any point data by LA. You can also find the number of children with an EHCP by LA within this data.

These links will provide the data for academic years, 2024-25, 2023-24, 2022 -23.

[Release home - Elective home education - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK](#)

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Year	Number of EHE pupils	Number which had an EHCP
2020-21	1767	84
2021-22	1858	143

2. Can you confirm the number of distinct pupils missing education (CME) at any point in the academic year for the last five complete academic years, broken down by academic year (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). Please also provide the number of those who have an EHCP.

[Release home - Children missing education - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK](#)

Year	Number of CME pupils	Number which had EHCP
2020-2021	2238	451
2021-2022	1710	416
2022-2023	1780	375

2023-2024	1420	318
2024-2025	2660	456

Please note that the number of pupils with an EHCP reflects the position as of today and may not represent their status at the time the case was an active CME case.