

East Lothian Council

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-The number of teachers who have had/been approved for career breaks over the last five years - this should include those currently on career breaks.

Could you please break this down by year. And provide details of how long this is for, and why.

-The number of teachers who have been approved to take a career break (but it has not yet started).

Please provide details of how long this is for, when it was approved and why.

If possible, could you please state whether the teachers work in primary, secondary or special education.

Number of teachers taking career breaks:

	Primary	Secondary	Grand Total
2013	5	3	8
2014	6	2	8
2015	5	6	11
2016	2	6	8
2017	3	2	5
2018	2	1	3
Grand Total	23	20	43

Length of career breaks (days):

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
314	260	160	320	140	358
260	261	512	7810	521	520*
260	261	147	260	522	261*
260	780	260	226	261	
132	261	521	447	130	
499	360	260	490		
1007	260	521	178		
485	398	521	215		
		492			
		228			
		438			

*Commencing August 2018.

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Although East Lothian Council holds further information about teachers taking career breaks, it is exempt from disclosure under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This exemption relates to personal information.

When information is released as the result of a freedom of information request it is technically released to the general public, and not just to the person or organisation making the information request. The reasons that a teacher might give for requesting a career break comprise their own personal data.

East Lothian Council is a small authority with few schools. In view of the small number of teachers applying for career breaks, we fear that releasing further information would potentially lead to the identification of the teachers concerned. East Lothian Council is therefore unable to comply with this part of your request.