

East Lothian Council

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What percentage of children in primary school, broken down by school year and language, are currently receiving regular modern language education in school?

East Lothian Council (ELC) does not hold this information as a percentage*.

In line with the Scottish Government report and recommendations "Language Learning in Scotland: A 1+2 Approach", all schools are developing language learning at all stages of primary and secondary school. All East Lothian primary schools are developing French L2 from P1 to P7.

How many qualified modern language teachers does the council employ in primary schools pupils broken down by language? How does this compare to five years ago?

ELC does not currently record this data*.

How many qualified modern language teachers does the council employ in secondary schools pupils broken down by language? How does this compare to five years ago?

The following table shows teachers who are recorded with language within their job title as at 30 April 2013 and 2018.

Subject	30/04/13	30/04/18
French	2	1
French / German	1	1
Modern Languages	23	25

Please note: this report does not include:

- Language teachers with multiple posts e.g. part time posts in multiple schools or multiple subjects.
- Language posts covered by temporary contracts (e.g.: cover during maternity, career break, recruitment campaigns etc.) as the subject title is not recorded for temporary posts.

How many Foreign Language Assistants does the council employ, broken down by language? How does this compare to five years ago?

There are no Modern Language Assistants currently employed by ELC.

No Modern Language Assistants were employed by ELC five years ago.

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What provision is the council undertaking in a) primary schools and b) secondary schools to meet the Scottish Government's 1+2 languages commitment that all children will be able to learn two additional languages by 2021?

Please refer to the attached "ELC 1+2 Strategic Planning September 2017.pdf".

How many native or fluent speakers of additional languages, including community languages, does the council use to support teaching languages in a) Primary Schools and b) Secondary schools?

ELC does not currently hold this data*. In line with 1+2 strategic planning, all schools have had input from French native speakers this session (2017/18) and are encouraged and supported to make local and international links where possible.

Does the council have its own 1+2 strategy for language learning?

Please refer to the attached "ELC 1+2 Strategic Planning September 2017.pdf".

Finally, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that ELC may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>

*Under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with those parts of your request marked * as the information you require is not held.

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