

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/542891

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

-how many children in your authority are currently home schooled? If possible please break down into primary and secondary.

11 in total*

-how many children in your authority are currently classed as school refusers? If possible please break down into primary and secondary.

13 in total*

-how many children in your authority were home schooled five years ago in school year 2013-14? If possible please break down into primary and secondary.

6 in total*

-how many children in your authority were classed as school refusers five years ago in school year 2013-14? If possible please break down into primary and secondary.

Under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that East Lothian Council (ELC) has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

*Although ELC holds further information about these pupils, 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. East Lothian Council is a small, rural authority with few schools. The number of pupils being home schooled is so low that we fear releasing details of whether they are primary or secondary school age would lead to pupil identification. In view of this, ELC has withheld this detail.