

59614 Pupil Attendance

Confirmation of whether or not the local authority records and analyses school pupil attendance across schools throughout the academic year.

I am asking for an overview of yearly pupil attendance that I presume the local authority records for each academic year. I presume the local authority records this to identify attendance issues such as pupils missing too many school days etc. I would imagine the analysis is detailed enough to raise issues such as pupils missing X or Y amount of time school time.

The City of Edinburgh Council send information on school attendance to all schools each month. The information shared includes the number of pupils with low attendance (below 90% and below 85%) for the local authority and attendance gap data, which is the percentage figure between the attendance of the least and most deprived pupils and the care-experience low attendance data. Individual schools are required to record pupil level data and review this regularly in line with the Maximising Attendance Policy.

The [Scottish Government](#) share national data which shows each local authority's absences, updated fortnightly.

If the local authority does, then please provide an analytical summary of:

attendance of primary pupils in the local authority broken down by the last five academic years (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25)

This should include all primary schools

2020 - 94.8%

2021 – 92.1%

2022 – 92.9%

2023 – 93.1%

2024 - 93.9%

attendance of secondary pupils in the local authority broken down by the last five academic years. (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25)

This should include all high schools.

2020 – 93.0%

2021 – 89.9%

2022 – 89.9%

2023 – 89.6%

2024 – 89.8%

Please provide copies of all the local authority's current policy measures to maintain good attendance or improve pupil attendance.

Please see [policy attached](#).