65204 Children Missing From Education

Please provide the following:

For each of the academic years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, the number of children of compulsory school age recorded by the authority as missing from education.

169 children in total were recorded as missing from education. 159 were of compulsory school age.

Of the 159, 132 were from Out of Authority and 27 were from City of Edinburgh Council.

For each of those years, of the children at (1), the number subsequently located and re-engaged in education.

127 Out of Authority children were traced and advice given/supported into education.

18 City of Edinburgh Council children were traced and confirmed as moved abroad or to another authority.

5 City of Edinburgh Council children re-engaged in City of Edinburgh Council education.

4 City of Edinburgh Council children not enrolled due to P7/S1 transition.

For each of those years, of the children at (1), the number who remained untraced at the end of that academic year.

5 Out of Authority children were not traced/found to be in Edinburgh and the referring authority were informed.

Whether the authority maintains a register or database of children missing from education and, if so, which data fields it records.

Our Education Wellbeing Service holds a database of all CME enquiries from Out of Authority (OOA) and City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) with the following data fields:

Status- (open/closed)

Case number

EWO allocated

Pupil name

Date of birth

Year/stage

CME type (OOA or CEC)

School

Council Area (referrer)

School/Council contact

Parent name

Parent phone number

Parent e-mail address

Family address

EWO notes and dates (numerous fields for on-going enquiries)

A copy of the authority's current policy or written procedure for identifying and following up children missing from education.

Please refer to the attached Children Missing in Education (CME) Flowchart for schools reporting children missing.

We also follow CME procedure as detailed in the Council's Edinburgh Learns Maximising School Attendance Policy and Scottish Government guidelines.