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| 1. How many children of compulsory school age are known to live in your LA as of 1st September 2024? | 44,570 school age children |
| 2. How many state school places for children of compulsory school age are there in your LA boundaries? | 47,354 school places in Wigan Council |
| 3. How many independent school places for children of compulsory school age are there in your LA Boundaries? | This information is publicly available at Get Information about Schools |
| 4. How many compulsory school age children residing in your LA are categorised as being children missing education as of 1st September 2024? | 103 Children missing education. |
| 5. How many compulsory school age children are electively home educated as of 1st September 2024? | 502 Electively home educated. |
| 6. How many compulsory school age children residing in your LA are receiving their education outside of a school setting funded by the LA as of 1st September 2024 | 22 receiving education outside school funded by the LA on 1 st September. |
| 7. If a parent moves into your LA and requests a school place using figures from last 3 years what is the average amount of days it takes from the parental request until the child is enrolled in a school? | All referrals regardless of source follow the same pathway. Average time from application to admission |
| 8. If a parent was Electively home educating and stops EHE and requests a school place using figures from last 3 years what is the average amount of days it takes from the parental request until the child is enrolled in a school? | 1. Primary 18 days
2. Secondary 30 days We do not hold this information as a data item and it would take more than 18 hours to collate it manually. |

9. If a parent withdraws their child from an independent school and requests a school place using figures from the last 3 years what is the average amount of days it takes from the parental request until the child is enrolled in a local school?

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FOI. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

In order to identify this information we would need to check through 3 years of individual pupil EHCP records to understand which children attended an Independent school, if they withdrew from that school and then look through systems to identify when they started at the next school. This would for 1 year mean checking nearly 3,000 records. At a conservative estimate of 15 minutes per case to check all records for one year it would equate to over 750 hours manual checks.

10. Does the LA facilitate any education for the child between the parental request and school enrolment? If no why not?

No. Some categories of pupils without a school place will be supported. Children looked after, SEND pupils and permanently excluded pupils.