

From: Foi Enquiries

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Subject: FOI-19-1585 - Musical Instruments Tuition

Thank you for your information request of 21 November 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1. How much, if anything, did the local authority charge per child for school musical instrument tuition in each of the following three academic years: 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

Individual Lessons per year - £340.00

Group Lessons per year - £272.00

(no paired lessons, administrative fee or instrument hire)

2. How many pupils received musical instrument tuition in the local authority's schools in each of the following three academic years: 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

2016-17 Total at end of year – 2638 pupils

2017-18 Total at end of year – 3106 pupils

2018-19 Total at end of year – 1666 pupils

3. How many pupils started receiving musical instrument tuition for the first time in each of the following three academic years: 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

2016-17 – no records found

2017-18 – 1285 pupils

2018-19 – 1167 pupils

We are unable to provide you with information on **how many pupils started receiving musical instrument tuition for the first time in 2016-17** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with our obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, we hereby gives notice that this information is not held by us.

4. What was the earliest stage at which pupils were given the opportunity to start learning a musical instrument (i.e. P1, P2 etc) in each of the following three academic years: 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

Primary 3.

5. a. If the local authority charges for musical instrument tuition, does it offer concessions or free tuition to pupils from low-income households?

In years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 parents could claim free music tuition for their children if they received:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit where no award of Working Tax Credit has been made and income is less than £16,105
- Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit that is based on an annual income of below £6,420

b. If the answer to 5.a. is yes, what proportion of pupils receiving tuition did this apply to in each of the following three academic years: 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

2016-17 – 141 pupils
2017-18 – 175 pupils
2018-19 – 119 pupils

6. How many musical instrument teachers or tutors did the local authority employ in each of the following three academic years: 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

2016-17 – 37 instructors (30 full time, 7 part time)
2017-18 – 37 instructors (30 full time, 7 part time)
2018-19 – 33 instructors (26 full time, 7 part time)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

We handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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