

Request

1. In the last 12 months, how many children have you recorded as living in temporary accommodation in your local authority?

2. Of those children, how many are currently registered at a school?

3. Across the last 12 months, could you provide me with the average number of days taken to allocate a child a school place who is living in temporary accommodation?

Response

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We do not collect and record this information.

We do not differentiate between families living in/moving into temporary or permanent accommodation. Applications are processed within the statutory timescale of 15 school days. In the event we are unable to allocate a place at one of the applicants preferred schools, we will offer the next nearest school which has a place available in the required year group and is located within two miles walking distance from the home address. If there are no schools with a place available in the required year group within two miles walking distance, then we will allocate a place using the Fair Access Protocol. The statutory timescale for placements made via Fair Access procedures is 20 school days so in total, the maximum statutory timescale for allocating a school place is 35 school days.