



## Request

Please provide the following information:

1. The total number of children the council has funded to attend unaccredited online schools in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive). Within each academic year, please break down the total by:
  - a. Sex, i.e. how many of these children are male and how many are female.
  - b. Age or 'Key Stage' year.
  - c. Ethnicity.
  - d. The proportion of these children that qualify/qualified for free school meals (but not including infant free school meals).
  - e. The proportion of these children that have/had special educational needs.
2. The total amount the council has spent on this attendance at unaccredited online schools in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).
3. The mean cost per placement in an unaccredited online school in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).
4. The median cost per placement in an unaccredited online school in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).
5. The names of the unaccredited online school providers, or the top five most used unaccredited online school providers in each of the past eight academic years (2017/2018 through to 2024/2025 inclusive).

## Response

Wigan Local Authority's current policy is not to commission online only provision. A trial of online provision was carried out in the summer term 2022/23 involving 4 pupils. It was not continued.

22/23

- a. 2 female, 2 male
- b. All KS3
- c. Information not held
- d. Information not held
- e. All SEND support (none with an EHCP)

22/23

£2,863.50

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£715.88

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Only 4 pupils so no median value

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