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Dear

ATISN 25176 – Information on school transport for asylum seeker children, emission rates and school attendance

In your request you asked 3 questions

1. If asylum seekers children aged 11 to 17 have free school transport. If so what category do they come under in the education Act or the UNCRC.
2. Emissions rates from 2023 to present month by month.
3. Attendance in school in the last 12 months.

Below is the information held to answer your first question:

1. If asylum seekers children aged 11 to 17 have free school transport. If so what category do they come under in the education Act or the UNCRC.

The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 places duties on local authorities to assess the travel needs of all learners in their area up to the age of 19 and provide free transport for learners of statutory school age (5 to 16), to their nearest suitable school on the basis of age, distance, aptitude and safety. The Measure does not place any statutory duties on local authorities to provide free school transport to asylum seekers. Under the Measure local authorities have the power to make additional discretionary transport arrangements. We do not hold information on whether any of the local authorities in Wales use these discretionary powers to provide free school transport to asylum seekers.

With regards to questions 2 and 3 we wrote to you on 25 September explaining that your request for information was not clear enough for us to find the information you were looking for. We asked for confirmation of the type of emissions rates that you are seeking; and to confirm whether you are looking for details of school attendance data as a whole.

We also explained that we would not be able to process your request without further clarification. As we have not heard anything further from yourself, unfortunately on this occasion we are unable to process your request and in line with the FOI Act, we will therefore have to 'refuse your request' to answer questions 2 and 3 of your original email.

Below are links to publicly available information on emission rates and school attendance rates that may help with your information gathering exercise.

[Greenhouse Gas Inventories for England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland: 1990-2023 | National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory](#)

[Attendance and absence from schools | GOV.WALES](#)

Yours sincerely