



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear

ATISN 14898 – Access to education during COVID-19 lockdowns

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 16/02/2021. You asked for:

- How many logins to the Hwb platform have been recorded during each of the three Wales-wide lockdowns?
 - March 2020 – May 2020;
 - October 2020 – November 2020;
 - December 2020 to most recent available date;
- How many children did not access Hwb during these periods?
- If available, what was the average length of log-in to Hwb during these periods?
- How many vulnerable children have attended school during the lockdown periods mentioned above, compared to how many children who are eligible to attend?

Our response

The information you requested is set out below.

1. How many logins to the Hwb platform have been recorded during each of the three Wales-wide lockdowns?

March 2020 – May 2020

Between 23 March 2020 and 31 May 2020 (70 days) a total of 6,192,802 logins were recorded to the Hwb platform.

October 2020 – November 2020

Between 23 October 2020 and 9 November 2020 (circuit breaker of 18 days) a total of 1,194,710 logins were recorded to the Hwb platform.

December 2020 – February 2021

Between 19 December 2020 and 12 February 2021 (56 days) a total of 8,546,762 logins were recorded to the Hwb platform.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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2. How many children did not access Hwb during these periods?

All learners in Wales have access to the Hwb platform, however we do not track individual logins and are therefore unable to provide this detail.

3. If available, what was the average length of log-in to Hwb during these periods?

This data is not currently available.

4. How many vulnerable children have attended school during the lockdown periods mentioned above, compared to how many children who are eligible to attend?

Annex 1 contains information of attendance at school of vulnerable children from 23 March 2020 to 31 May 2020. Please note that the definition of a vulnerable learner during this time was 'children with a social worker and with Statements of special educational needs. To calculate the percentage of vulnerable children who are attending a setting, we estimated the total number of vulnerable children in Wales to be 24,112. More information can be found [here](#).

The definition of a vulnerable learner has been broadened since the spring. The current definition is children that are eligible for free school meals, with special educational needs or with English as a second language.

It is also worth noting that the data from March to May 2020 was collected from local authorities via a daily aggregate return rather than being at individual pupil level. The data from September 2020 is management information extracted from school management information systems once a week.

Annex 2 contains information of attendance at school of vulnerable children from 23 October to 9 November 2020.

Annex 3 contains information of attendance at school of vulnerable children from 19 December 2020 to 12 February 2021 (latest data available).

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely