



16th November 2016

Dear ,

ATISN 10915- Teacher Classroom Assistants

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 November. You asked for:

1. How many teacher classroom assistants were employed in August 1997?
2. How many are there now?
3. How many school playgrounds are used as car parks in urban areas?

In relation to questions 1. and 2. historical data on staff numbers from 1998/9 to 2004/5 can be found on our StatsWales website:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Schools-and-Teachers/Schools-Census/1974-to-2005/Staff-and-Governors>

The number of support staff is collected annually and published online from 2003/4 to 2015/16 as part of our Pupil Level Annual School Census also available from our StatsWales Website:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Schools-and-Teachers/Schools-Census/Pupil-Level-Annual-School-Census/Staff-and-Governors>

I have attached a summary table of this information in Annex A for your convenience. Please note historical data is not directly comparable due to differences in the method of collection.

In relation to question 3. following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

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:
FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The
Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a
complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex A:

Table 1: Full-time Equivalent Support Staff by Category and Year, Wales.

Year	Total Support Staff (FTE)	Support Staff Type				
		Higher Level Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistants	Foreign language assistants	Special needs support staff	Other ^a
2003/04	12,649.4	.	3,204.9	48.0	1,631.3	7,765.2
2004/05	13,913.8	.	3,761.3	54.6	1,734.4	8,363.5
2005/06	15,027.4	.	4,822.8	45.5	1,760.1	8,399.0
2006/07	15,834.0	.	5,612.0	33.8	1,657.3	8,531.0
2007/08	16,945.6	.	6,367.8	36.0	1,710.2	8,831.6
2008/09	19,093.8	768.9	7,740.2	37.6	1,754.3	8,792.7
2009/10	20,409.7	953.4	8,988.2	41.1	1,845.8	8,581.2
2010/11	21,320.5	1,044.0	10,492.2	31.5	4,591.4	5,161.5
2011/12	22,294.5	1,137.7	11,344.0	33.2	4,586.6	5,193.0
2012/13	23,546.8	1,227.6	12,265.4	30.3	4,757.8	5,265.7
2013/14	24,354.5	1,348.7	12,704.2	26.4	4,827.7	5,447.5
2014/15	24,441.0	1,328.0	12,855.6	21.9	4,776.3	5,459.2
2015/16	23,994.9	1,534.6	12,653.4	15.7	4,564.4	5,226.8

Pupil Level Annual School Census

a. Includes: Pastoral support, Childcare, nurses, medical staff, ICT, laboratory, workshop or resource technicians, Librarians and library assistants, Examinations Officers, Other administration staff, School Business Manager or equivalent, Qualified nursery assistant (CACHE or NNEB only). Nursery assistant (other qualification). Qualified nursery assistants with CACHE or Diploma in Childcare and Education (previously NNEB) or equiv. Permanent supply nursery assistants, CACHE students in training (1 year course). Students in training (year 1 of 2 year course). CACHE students in training (year 2 of 2 year course). CACHE students in training, Qualified ancillary staff who assist directly in the classroom, Unqualified ancillary staff who assist directly in the classroom, Qualified nursing / childcare staff, Unqualified nursing / childcare staff, Resource technicians, Office or clerical staff including library assistants.

b. Schools' data are derived from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) returns and STATS 1 returns supplied by schools open on Census day in January each year. The returns are authorised by headteachers and validated by Local Authorities.

c. This table is available: <https://stats.wales.gov.wales/v/BvTM>