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Falkirk Council submission of 16 October 2018

RESPONSE

from

Falkirk Council, Children's Services

In particular, the Committee requests the following information from each local authority—

1. The drop-out rate of children having instrumental music tuition in the past two years
2. The projected drop-out rate for this year if charges for instrumental music tuition continue to increase as they have done in recent years
3. Is there a particular reason that instrumental music tuition is not being regarded by education departments as a core subject?

Answers

1. We have not increased charges in over the past two years or changed our charging policy. Any drop out is not due to charging within Falkirk. All authorities experience drop out rates initially from pupils signing up. Our pattern of drop out has not changed.
2. We have not changed our charges or our charging policy for 2018/19.
3. 'Music has always been offered as part of both the primary and secondary curriculum. However Instrumental Music Tuition has always been an additional provision within Falkirk and is delivered in small groups or class bands during the school day

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