

## **Wokingham - October 2025 FOI WBCIR: 20624**

### **Deaf Pupils and Sign Language Communication Support**

(information for the period between 1 September 2019 – 31 July 2025)

#### **1. Deaf Pupils (Numbers)** (figures do not include pupils in special schools)

The total number of pupils identified as deaf in your schools, by academic year.

19/20 - 119

20/21 - 137

21/22 - 127

22/23 - 133

23/24 - 138

24/25 - 134

#### **2. Interpreter / Communication Support Worker Provision**

The number of deaf pupils formally provided with sign language interpreters or Communication Support Workers (CSW), by academic year.

19/20 Not Known

20/21 Not Known

21/22 Not Known

22/23 1

23/24 1

24/25 1

#### **3. Requests for Support**

The number of requests made by parents/carers for sign language interpreter or Communication Support Worker support, and how many were:

- Granted in full - all
- Granted in part
- Refused and with reasons for refusal, if recorded.

#### **4. Appeals / Complaints**

The number of appeals or complaints made against your decisions regarding sign language /communication support in education, and the outcomes of those appeals/complaints.

Not known

#### **5. Spend on Support**

The total annual spend on sign language interpreting and communication support services in education, broken down by financial year.

We do not hold this information separately

## **6. Policy & Guidance**

Copies of any policies, guidance, or criteria used by the authority to decide on providing communication support such as sign language interpreter and Communication Support Worker for deaf pupils, including any references to British Sign Language Act 2022.

<https://www.natsip.org.uk/doc-library-login/supporting-the-si-workforce/communication-support-workers/1422-csw-framework-report/file>

## **7. Teachers of the Deaf**

The number of Teachers of the Deaf (ToD) employed by your authority and how many hold the mandatory qualification for Teachers of the Deaf.

Teachers of the Deaf (ToD) 3.82fte