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Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill, Responses from Glasgow City Council.

Context: Glasgow City Council owns and operates one Residential Outdoor Education Centre called Blairvadach which is situated outside Helensburgh. It is important to note that the information below only relates to Blairvadach. Glasgow has 142 primary schools, 30 secondary schools and 21 ASL schools. Given there are only 40 school weeks in the year, only a fraction of these schools can attend Blairvadach each year. The centre is always fully booked which means that those who cannot attend Blairvadach use ROE centres across Scotland. The costs and numbers attending elsewhere are not included below.

1. *The number of pupils currently receiving residential outdoor education provision each year over the last 5 years in your area, including a) the age range of participants and b) the number of participants with additional support needs*

Total Glasgow School Pupil Residential Visits to Blairvadach Outdoor Education Centre							
Year	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022*	2022-2023	2023-2024
Primary	1523	1090	1743	COVID	1056	1685	1141
Primary ASL	124	52	52		0	20	101
Secondary	304	572	251		20	22	374
Secondary ASL	74	25	73		79	18	76
Total	2025	1739	2119	0	1155	1745	1692

* Due to COVID, residential provision did not start until 23rd August 2021

2. *The number of staff attending residential outdoor education trips*

Year	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022*	2022-2023	2023-2024
Teachers Attending	239	243	211	0	132	204	202

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3. *The number of staff that had refused to take part in residential outdoor education trips*

We do not hold any data relating to this question. Schools have not indicated challenges attending. Most teachers generally recognise the relationship benefits that come with attending a residential alongside pupils.

4. *Whether your local authority has any local agreement with teachers on whether they must be willing to attend these residential outdoor education trips and if this is covered in the LCNT*

No such agreement exists.

5. *The costs associated with residential outdoor education provision and how these costs have changed over the last 5 years*

	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2022/2023	2023/2024
Total Residential Centre Costs	£1,224,516	1,038,761	£1,071,523	£963,407	£1,109,542	£ 1,317,399

- All costs have increased over the past 5 years.
- The table does not detail the income associated with providing the residential facility.

6. *Any feedback information gathered from pupils who received residential outdoor education provision.*

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See linked documents:

- a. [Blairvadach Individual Pupil Feedback](#)
- b. [Annual Impact Report 2023/2024](#)

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