

## Response to Request for Information

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### *School Incidents*

#### **Request:**

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to request information regarding recorded incidents of violence and abuse in schools by pupils in your LEA in the last five years - between September 12, and today's date.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our information in the format requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can provide you with information relating to the number of incidents that resulted in an exclusion which we hope will be of use.

The information I am requesting is:

- a) the number of recorded incidents of verbal abuse or threatening behaviour against staff by pupils, and any recorded outcome such as exclusion, reporting to the police etc.

Number of exclusions reported by schools for threatening behaviour against staff by pupils:

Primary	22
Secondary	189
Special	13

- b) the number of recorded incidents of verbal abuse or threatening behaviour against pupils by pupils, and any recorded outcome.  
Number of exclusions reported by schools for threatening behaviour against pupils by pupils:

Primary	15
Secondary	73
Special	4

- c) the number of recorded incidents of sexual violence or sexual assault against staff by pupils, and any recorded outcome
- d) the number of recorded incidents of sexual violence or sexual assault against pupils by pupils, and any recorded outcome

With reference to questions c) and d) above, the DfE exclusion category closest to your questions is 'Sexual Misconduct' but the DfE category doesn't distinguish whether the incident was against an adult or pupil.

Number of exclusions reported by schools for Sexual misconduct:

Primary	0
Secondary	10
Special	0

- e) the number of incidents of physical violence against staff by pupils and any recorded outcome  
Number of exclusions reported by schools for physical violence against staff by pupils:

Primary	55
Secondary	41
Special	43

- f) the number of incidents of physical violence against pupils by pupils and any recorded outcome  
Number of exclusions reported by schools for physical violence against pupils by pupils

Primary	88
Secondary	255
Special	4

- g) the number of weapons seized and the type of weapon seized where recorded. We record the exclusions reported to the LA by school that 'Involved an offensive weapon' but we don't record the type of weapon.

Number of exclusions reported by schools that involved an Offensive Weapon:

Primary	0
Secondary	15
Special	4

Please also see attached link which provides historical information on reasons for exclusions on the DfE website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-exclusions>

Where possible I'd like to have the incidents reported separately by pre-school centres of education, primary schools, secondary schools, six form colleges and special schools.