

NCC-046428-20 School exclusions- weapons involved

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act, Please see below in part.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

1. Can you state how many children within your authority were (i) given a fixed period exclusion, and (ii) permanently excluded from school because of their involvement with a weapon of any description in the 2019/20 academic year?
2. Please could you provide me with a one line summary of each incident referred to in Question 1 detailing (i) what the weapon was, (ii) if it was used or whether it was brandished, (iii) who the victim was – pupil, teacher or member of the public.

2) How many permanent exclusions was your authority notified of in the academic year 2018/19.

School status	Phase	No.
Academies	Primary	5
	Secondary	37
	TOTAL	42
Free Schools	Primary	
	Secondary	
	TOTAL	
LA maintained	Primary	1
	Secondary	1
	TOTAL	2

We are sorry on this occasion we wouldn't be able to currently answer the part of the question relating to weapons.

As possession of a weapon isn't one of the current 'reasons' for fixed term and permanent exclusions. The data we hold is against the following reasons:

- Bullying
- Damage
- Drug and alcohol related
- Other
- Persistent disruptive behaviour
- Physical assault against a pupil
- Physical assault against an adult
- Racist abuse
- Sexual misconduct
- Theft
- Verbal abuse or threatening behaviour against a pupil
- Verbal abuse or threatening behaviour against an adult

For exclusions this academic year (2020/21) there are some new categories being introduced including 'Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item' so will be able to answer going forward.

We also wouldn't hold any information on the incident, this would be held at school level. You will need to contact the individual schools directly who may hold this data.

We trust this now resolves your enquiry and where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR, s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. un regulated / care / home etc.

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