

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

How many incidents of racist bullying occurred in schools within your authority for the following academic years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010- 2011 and 2011-2012?

Data on Racist Incidents in schools is as follows:

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Number of recorded Racist Incidents	340	270	399	N/A	N/A
Physical	6	10	5	N/A	N/A
Verbal	318	246	348	N/A	N/A

In 2010 the Coalition Government removed the request that schools should supply data on racist incidents to their Local Authority as part of the "reducing bureaucracy" policy. Whilst we still requested information from schools during 2010-11 the data returned was so incomplete that it rendered the figures meaningless. From 2011 onwards we no longer requested this information from schools.

How many pupils were a) excluded temporarily and b) permanently excluded for offences of racist bullying for the academic years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010- 2011 and 2011-2012?

EXCLUSIONS IN ACADEMIC YEAR	Number of Students Who Received a Fixed Term Exclusion	CATEGORY	REASON
2007-08	21	FIXD	Racist Abuse
2008-09	24	FIXD	Racist Abuse
2009-10	19	FIXD	Racist Abuse
2010-11	26	FIXD	Racist Abuse
2011-12	24	FIXD	Racist Abuse

There were no Permanent Exclusions.

Please indicate, where possible, whether these offences were physical and/or verbal.

The exclusion notifications we receive from schools are very brief, full detail of the incident resulting in the exclusion would be held by the school, the data holder. This letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
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Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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