

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:

For the 2011/12 academic year can you state how many children within your authority were (i) given a fixed period exclusion and (ii) permanently excluded from a school because of their involvement with a weapon of any description?

Please could you give a one line summary of each incident referred to in Q.1. Detailing what the weapon was, used or threat and who the victim was –pupil, teacher or member of public.

I appreciate that weapons is not a specific exclusion code under the Department of Education guidelines, although some authorities do independently make a category for weapons. If you do not have it as an easily identifiable category then I would ask that some sort of computer search for the words “knife”, “gun”, “blade” or “cosh” is carried out. If this task is too great for the cost limit then please limit its scope to just the permanent exclusions.

Fixed-Term & Permanent Exclusion Academic Year 2011/12 Pupils Excluded for Offensive Weapon.

- 1) 5 day exclusion for attacking a fellow student with a weapon – weapon not stated.
- 2) 1 day exclusion for discharging BB gun in school premises.
- 3) 1 day exclusion for discharging BB gun in school premises.
- 4) 5 day exclusion for discharging BB gun in school premises and hitting a pupil.
- 5) 2 day exclusion for making weapon with broken glasses.
- 6) 15 day exclusion in possession of weapon - not stated.
- 7) 6 day exclusion in possession of weapon - not stated.
- 8) Permanent Exclusion in possession of Knife
- 9) 1 day exclusion for bringing cigarette lighter to school.
- 10) 1 day exclusion for bringing offensive weapon to school - not stated.
- 11) 2 day exclusion for bringing offensive weapon to school - not stated.
- 12) 5 day exclusion for bringing offensive weapon to school - not stated.
- 13) 5 day exclusion for throwing sparkler into the female toilets.
- 14) 3 day exclusion for bringing dangerous offensive weapon to school - not stated.
- 15) 5 days exclusion for bringing offensive weapon to school - not stated.
- 16) 10 day exclusion for firing air gun at a school bus driver.
- 17) 3 day exclusion for holding knife to another student's throat.

In total there were 17 incidents, 16 fixed term exclusions and 1 permanent.

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Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

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Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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