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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear Sir/Madam

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

### **Request**

I am making a Freedom of Information request for the following information.

Can you provide answers to the following questions for each year from 2013 to the present:

How many knives or similar offensive weapons have been seized in your schools in each year from 2013 to present?

In your answer can you please provide figures for secondary schools and primary schools separately.

Can you also specify whether the knife was found to be in the possession of a boy or girl and their age, or neither (ie discarded on school premises).

How many injuries have been caused by knives or similar offensive weapons in secondary schools and primary schools in the same period. Can you specify the age of the victim and whether a pupil or a teacher, or visitor to the school.

In how many of these has the victim required hospital treatment. Can you specify the age of the victim and whether a pupil or a teacher, or visitor to the school.

How many pupils have been excluded for possession or use of a knife on school premises in each year from 2013 to present?

How many times have police been called to schools to deal with incidents involving pupil behaviour in each year from 2013 to present?

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**Response**

***I am making a Freedom of Information request for the following information.***

***Can you provide answers to the following questions for each year from 2013 to the present:***

***1. How many knives or similar offensive weapons have been seized in your schools in each year from 2013 to present?***

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***2. In your answer can you please provide figures for secondary schools and primary schools separately.***

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***3. Can you also specify whether the knife was found to be in the possession of a boy or girl and their age, or neither (ie discarded on school premises).***

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***4. How many injuries have been caused by knives or similar offensive weapons in secondary schools and primary schools in the same period. Can you specify the age of the victim and whether a pupil or a teacher, or visitor to the school.***

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***5. In how many of these has the victim required hospital treatment. Can you specify the age of the victim and whether a pupil or a teacher, or visitor to the school.***

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**6. How many pupils have been excluded for possession or use of a knife on school premises in each year from 2013 to present?**

Data regarding fixed term exclusions is not available as no DfE exclusion code specifying weapon possession/use. Table below indicates permanent exclusion where a “weapon” is mentioned in the reason for exclusion – unable to differentiate between knives and other weapons (tools, bb guns etc).

Year/phase	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019 (to 3.4.19)
Pri	4	9	6	8	3	9
Sec	27	40	56	45	24	25

**7. How many times have police been called to schools to deal with incidents involving pupil behaviour in each year from 2013 to present?**

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Please quote the reference number 5420466 in any future communications.

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PO Box 16366  
Birmingham  
B2 2YY  
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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council’s response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 01625 545 700  
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

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