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Dear C Johnson

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information was received by us on 10 July 2020, regarding

- 1. How many fires at schools have you attended in the last five full years (2014-2019 or nearest period, if not available). Please provide a breakdown per year.*
- 2. Of the school fires you attended in this period, how many had sprinklers fitted?*
- 3. Please provide a breakdown of the causes of fire by year.*
- 4. For each year, please also provide a breakdown of*
 - a. type of school e.g. primary, secondary*
 - b. Any injuries or deaths*
 - c. Extent of damage to school*
 - d. Age of school*
 - e. Whether cladding was present*
 - f. How many of the schools at the time the fire broke out had received a low, medium or high fire risk assessment (or alternative classification if used)?*
- 5. How many school fire risk assessments have you carried out in the last five full years (2014-2019 or alternative period if not available)?*
- 6. Please provide a breakdown of the outcomes e.g. low, medium, high risk*

GMCA Response

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information contained within this document is collated by our data team and has been collected through our Fire Safety inspection process along with data gathered from operational incidents.

1.

Year	Total School Fires Count
2019	32
2018	43
2017	53
2016	48
2015	48
2014	51

2.

Year	Fires In Schools With Sprinklers
2019	0
2018	1
2017	0
2016	1
2015	4
2014	3

3.

Year	Fire Cause	Total School Fires Count
2019	Accumulation of flammable material	3
2019	Careless handling - due to careless disposal	1
2019	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	5
2019	Fault in equipment or appliance	5
2019	Faulty fuel supply - electricity	6
2019	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	4
2019	Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	1
2019	Other	1
2019	Overheating, unknown cause	6
2018	Accumulation of flammable material	1
2018	Careless handling - due to careless disposal	4
2018	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	3
2018	Cooking - chip pan/deep fat fryer	1
2018	Cooking - other cooking	1
2018	Fault in equipment or appliance	7
2018	Faulty fuel supply - electricity	8

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	Heat source and combustibles brought together	
2018	deliberately	9
2018	Natural occurrence	1
2018	Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	2
2018	Other	1
2018	Overheating, unknown cause	5
2017	Careless handling - due to careless disposal	1
2017	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	7
2017	Cooking - chip pan/deep fat fryer	1
2017	Cooking - other cooking	6
2017	Fault in equipment or appliance	9
2017	Faulty fuel supply - electricity	8
2017	Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	2
	Heat source and combustibles brought together	
2017	deliberately	9
2017	Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	2
2017	Other	2
2017	Other intentional burning, going out of control	1
2017	Overheating, unknown cause	5
2016	Accumulation of flammable material	1
2016	Careless handling - due to careless disposal	1
2016	Careless handling - due to sleep or unconsciousness	1
2016	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	5
2016	Cooking - other cooking	3
2016	Fault in equipment or appliance	9
2016	Faulty fuel supply - electricity	5
2016	Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	2
	Heat source and combustibles brought together	
2016	deliberately	11
2016	Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	4
2016	Other	1
2016	Overheating, unknown cause	5
2015	Accumulation of flammable material	1
2015	Bomb/incendiary device	1
2015	Careless handling - due to knocking over	2
2015	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	3
2015	Cooking - other cooking	6
2015	Fault in equipment or appliance	12
2015	Faulty fuel supply - electricity	2
2015	Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	1
	Heat source and combustibles brought together	
2015	deliberately	14

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2015	Other	3
2015	Other intentional burning, going out of control	1
2015	Overheating, unknown cause	2
2014	Careless handling - due to careless disposal	2
2014	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	5
2014	Cooking - other cooking	4
2014	Fault in equipment or appliance	6
2014	Faulty fuel supply - electricity	5
2014	Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	1
2014	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	18
2014	Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	5
2014	Other	1
2014	Overheating, unknown cause	4

4.

a.

Year	Type Of School	Total School Fires Count
2019	College/University	5
2019	Infant/primary school	14
2019	Other	3
2019	Pre School/nursery	2
2019	Secondary school	8
2018	College/University	8
2018	Infant/primary school	13
2018	Other	1
2018	Pre School/nursery	11
2018	Secondary school	10
2017	College/University	7
2017	Infant/primary school	24
2017	Other	2
2017	Pre School/nursery	11
2017	Secondary school	9
2016	College/University	8
2016	Infant/primary school	21
2016	Other	3
2016	Pre School/nursery	8
2016	Secondary school	8
2015	College/University	10
2015	Infant/primary school	15

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2015	Other	1
2015	Pre School/nursery	9
2015	Secondary school	13
2014	College/University	12
2014	Infant/primary school	20
2014	Other	3
2014	Pre School/nursery	6
2014	Secondary school	10

b.

Year	Injuries	Fatalities
2019	0	0
2018	1	0
2017	4	0
2016	2	0
2015	3	0
2014	3	0

c.

Year	Fire Damage	Count
2019	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	3
2019	Limited to room of origin	5
2019	Limited to item 1st ignited	11
2019	Whole building	1
2019	Roof space only	2
2019	External roof only	1
2019	Not Recorded	9
2018	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	2
2018	Limited to item 1st ignited	13
2018	Not Recorded	15
2018	External roof only	1
2018	Roof space only	1
2018	Limited to room of origin	10
2018	Whole building	1
2017	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	3
2017	Roof space and other floors(s)	3
2017	External roof only	1
2017	Limited to room of origin	8
2017	Roof space only	2
2017	Not Recorded	22

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2017	Whole building	1
2017	Limited to item 1st ignited	13
2016	Limited to 2 floors (not whole building)	1
2016	Limited to room of origin	8
2016	Limited to item 1st ignited	8
2016	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	7
2016	Not Recorded	24
2015	Limited to room of origin	7
2015	Roof space only	1
2015	Limited to item 1st ignited	10
2015	External roof only	1
2015	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	6
2015	Not Recorded	23
2014	External roof only	3
2014	Limited to 2 floors (not whole building)	1
2014	Limited to room of origin	15
2014	Roof space and other floors(s)	3
2014	Not Recorded	15
2014	Limited to item 1st ignited	9
2014	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	4
2014	Roof space only	1

d. GMFRS does not record information about the age of school buildings

e. GMFRS does not record information about cladding on schools or other educational premises

f. GMFRS does not carry out any Fire Risk Assessments in any schools within Greater Manchester. Fire risk assessments are to be completed by the responsible persons at the premises. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue only carry out Fire Risk Assessments on their own premises.

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Yours sincerely,



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