



## Education & Skills

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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to school bullying and racism.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Does the council have a record of the number of incidents of bullying recorded by local schools in the following years?**

**2015-16**  
**2016-17**  
**2017-18**  
**2018-19**  
**2019-20**  
**2020-21**

**1a) If it does, please state what types of bullying are recorded, e.g. racist, homophobic, religious, disability related, etc?**

**1b) Does the council have any more general records of racism in schools in any/all of the above years, e.g. records of racist incidents rather than racist bullying?**

2. **What was the total number of racist incidents (or incidents of racist bullying) reported by schools to the council in each of the following school years? (Please specify whether the data held refers to racist incidents or racist bullying.)**

2015-16  
 2016-17  
 2017-18  
 2018-19  
 2019-20  
 2020-21

- 2a) **What was the total number of schools that reported racist incidents or racist bullying to the council in each of the following school years? (Please specify whether the data held refers to racist incidents or racist bullying.)**

2015-16  
 2016-17  
 2017-18  
 2018-19  
 2019-20  
 2020-21

3. **Does the council have a record of incidents of hate crime recorded by local schools and/or the police? (For example, this might be reports made by schools to the police.)**

3a) **If so, does this include figures specifically on racial hate crimes?**

4. **If the council has a record of racial hate crimes in local schools, please provide the total number of incidents recorded in the following school years.**

2015-16  
 2016-17  
 2017-18  
 2018-19  
 2019-20  
 2020-21

- 4a) **Are the figures for racial hate crimes included in the figures for racist incidents or racist bullying (question 2)?**

In response to questions 1 – 4 above as per Section 1(1) of the Act the council does not hold the majority of the information you have requested.

Please see below the information we do hold in regards to racist incidents:

	Autumn Term 2015							
	Primary		Secondary		Special		City Total	
<b>Analysis of Incident Reporting</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Number of Schools reporting incidents	25	29%	2	9%	3	38%	30	26%
Number of Schools reporting no incidents	50	58%	17	74%	5	63%	72	62%
Number of Schools where no data was received	11	13%	4	17%	0	0%	15	13%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100%</b>

Numbers and Type of Incidents	Autumn Term 2015			
	Primary	Secondary	Special	City Total
Physical	1	4	0	5
Verbal	124	102	28	254
Other Incidents without a Victim (e.g. graffiti)	2	0	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Incidents per 1,000 Pupil</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>

Please Note:

- 1) The City Total in this case refers only to primary, secondary and special schools. Data is collected from other small units, but not reported here as the low numbers of pupils could lead to pupil identification. There should be little effect on summary data.
- 2) The Number of Pupils on Roll includes only pupils on roll at schools returning information. The source is the January School Census

From Spring 2016 the City Council stopped compiling this information from schools. This was in part due to changes with the Data Protection Act 2018, GDPR and the requirements around sharing with a third party, but also because since the Equalities Act 2010, schools have not been legally obliged to share the incidents and the data we were receiving was therefore not representative of the complete picture of what might be happening in Coventry Schools.

Schools are however, required to keep a record and report to their own governing bodies.

You may wish to contact schools and West Midlands Police directly to request this information. Their contact details can be found at the links below:

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/10/schools\\_and\\_their\\_contact\\_details](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/10/schools_and_their_contact_details)

<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/>

**5. Does the council have records of school exclusions for racist bullying (or racist incidents) in any of the below school years?**

**2015-16**  
**2016-17**  
**2017-18**  
**2018-19**  
**2019-20**  
**2020-21**

We only retain information dating back to 2017/2018 academic year.

**6. If the council has records of exclusions for racist bullying (or racist incidents), how many were recorded in below school years?**

**2015-16**  
**2016-17**  
**2017-18**  
**2018-19**  
**2019-20**  
**2020-21**

**6a) For each year please state how many were (i) fixed-term exclusions and (ii) permanent exclusions.**

Please note that we only have access to the primary reason for the exclusion given by the school. As such an incident can hit several reasons/categories but it is the responsibility of the school to classify the primary reason. Therefore the data below shows those incidents that are recorded as "Racist Abuse".

As per Section 1(1) of the Act the council do not hold any information prior to 2017/2018 academic year.

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Please see table below:

Academic Year	Fixed Term Exclusion	Permanent Exclusion
2017/2018	40	0
2018/2019	34	0
2019/2020	30	0
2020/2021*	6	0

\*As at 11 January 2021

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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