



## Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI328434313**

Thank you for your request for information relating to racist incidents in schools.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

**1. How many racist a.) verbal b.) physical incidents have been reported by school pupils involving other pupils in each of the following years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?**

**2. How many racist a.) verbal b.) physical incidents have been reported by school pupils involving teachers or other members of school staff in each of the following years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?**

As per Section 1(1) of the Act the council does not hold the information you have requested.

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/>

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its FOI/EIR [Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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