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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI550647576**

Thank you for your request for information relating to children given a fixed period exclusion.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Can you state how many children within your authority were (i) given a fixed period exclusion (suspension), and (ii) permanently excluded from school (expelled) where a reason was recorded as being "Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item" in the 2022/23 academic year?**

Please see figures below where the reason recorded was 'Offensive weapon':

Suspension: 132

Permanently Excluded: 13

**2. Please could you provide me with a one line summary of each incident referred to in Question 1 detailing (i) what the weapon was, (ii) if it was used or whether it was brandished, (iii) who the victim was – pupil, teacher or member of the public.**

For Question 2, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This information is not held in a reportable format and therefore it requires an officer to manually review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant data for the request. This has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act to complete. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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