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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI615277085

Thank you for your request for information relating to seizure of knives at schools.

You have requested the following information:

Can you provide answers to the questions below for each of the following years - 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

1. How many knives or similar offensive weapons have been seized in your schools in each year from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

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

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 (i.e. discarded/ found on school premises).

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, school security or visitor to the school.

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, school security or visitor to the school.

For Questions 1 to 5, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per

Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not hold this information. You may wish to contact schools directly for this. Their contact details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/10/schools-and-their-contact-details>

6. How many pupils have been excluded for possession or use of a knife on school premises in each year from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

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.

We estimate that because the information is held in a non-reportable format an officer would have to manually review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant information for the request. It has been estimated this will exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

7. How many times have police been called to schools to deal with incidents involving pupil behaviour in each year from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

8. How many times have police been called to schools to deal with incidents involving knives or similar offensive weapons in each year from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

For Questions 7 and 8, please refer to Question 1.

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

Yours faithfully

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