From: Foi Enquiries <FoiEnquiries@aberdeencity.gov.uk> Sent: 01 November 2019 09:34

Subject: FOI-19-1328 - Incidents Involving Weapons

Thank you for your information request of 3 October 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

### Are you able to provide similar statistics for the previous four years? How many incidents involving weapons have occurred on school premises in the current financial

year?

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
No. of Incidents	49	62	60	67	#

### Can this be broken down school by school?

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aberdeen Grammar School	0	#	0	0	0
Airyhall School	#	#	7	0	0
Braehead School	#	0	0	0	0
Bramblebrae School	0	0	0	#	#
Bridge of Don Academy	#	0	#	0	0
Brimmond School	0	0	#	9	0
Broomhill School	0	#	#	0	0
Bucksburn Academy	0	0	0	#	0
Charleston School	0	0	#	0	0
Cordyce School	#	0	0	0	0
Cornhill School	#	0	0	#	0
Culter School	0	0	#	0	0
Cults Primary School	0	0	#	0	0
Dyce Academy	#	#	0	0	0
Dyce Primary School	0	0	#	#	0
Fernielea School	0	#	#	12	0
Gilcomstoun School	0	0	0	#	#
Hanover Street	0	#	0	0	0
Harlaw Academy	#	0	#	#	#
Hazlehead Academy	0	0	#	#	0
Hazlewood School	#	0	0	0	0
Heathryburn School	#	#	#	#	#

Kaimhil School	#	6	0	#	0
Kincorth Academy	0	#	#	0	0
Kingsford School	0	0	0	#	#
Kingswells Schooll	0	0	#	#	0
Kittybrewster School	0	#	#	#	0
Lochside School	0	0	0	#	0
Loirston School	#	#	0	#	0
Manor Park School	6	19	#	7	0
Mile End School	#	0	0	0	0
Milltimber School	#	0	0	0	0
Muirfield School	0	#	#	0	0
Oldmachar Academy	0	0	#	#	#
Riverbank School	0	0	0	#	0
Seaton School	0	0	#	#	0
Skene Square School	#	0	0	0	0
St Machar Academy	0	10	#	7	0
St Peter's RC Primary School	0	0	0	#	0
Stoneywood School	0	#	0	#	0
Sunnybank School	#	#	#	#	0
Torry Academy	#	0	#	0	0
Tullos School	9	#	9	0	0
Walker Road School	#	#	0	0	0
Westpark School	0	#	0	#	0
Woodside School	0	#	0	#	0
Aberdeen City	49	62	60	67	8

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **how many incidents involving weapons broken down school by school** for all schools as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing this part of your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with Section 38(2A)(a) -Personal Information - of the FOISA.

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identified, and ACC does not consider that they would expect ACC to release this information about them into the public domain under the FOISA.

#### Can you describe the weapons involved?

The following are a list of 'weapons' some which may be consistent across several incidents

2015: plank of wood thrown, a pole, a maraca thrown; toy car thrown, toy plastic phone thrown, play mat and wooden toy thrown, drainpipe, toys and books thrown, metal pan x 2, boxed game thrown, tent poles thrown, box of toys thrown.

2016: metal bar, ruler, musical instrument thrown, unspecified toy thrown, dart head, plastic toy thrown.

2017: pool cue, stone thrown, hardback picture book thrown, duster thrown, plastic balloon pump, , green plastic knife, fidget spinner thrown.

2018: tote tray thrown, box thrown, , school bag, tube of unspecified material, butter knife.

2019: scissors, unspecified objects thrown, tray thrown, snack box, toy box and toys thrown, racket thrown.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aberdeen Grammar School	0	#	0	0	0
Airyhall School	#	#	7	0	0
Braehead School	#	0	0	0	0
Bramblebrae School	0	0	0	#	#
Bridge of Don Academy	#	0	#	0	0
Brimmond School	0	0	#	9	0
Broomhill School	0	#	#	0	0
Bucksburn Academy	0	0	0	#	0
Charleston School	0	0	#	0	0
Cordyce School	#	0	0	0	0
Cornhill School	#	0	0	#	0
Culter School	0	0	#	0	0
Cults Primary School	0	0	#	0	0
Dyce Academy	#	#	0	0	0
Dyce Primary School	0	0	#	#	0
Fernielea School	0	#	#	12	0
Gilcomstoun School	0	0	0	#	#
Hanover Street	0	#	0	0	0
Harlaw Academy	#	0	#	#	#
Hazlehead Academy	0	0	#	#	0
Hazlewood School	#	0	0	0	0

#### Has there been any expulsions or suspensions as a result, and where?

Heathryburn School	#	#	#	#	#
Kaimhil School	#	6	0	#	0
Kincorth Academy	0	#	#	0	0
Kingsford School	0	0	0	#	#
Kingswells Schooll	0	0	#	#	0
Kittybrewster School	0	#	#	#	0
Lochside School	0	0	0	#	0
Loirston School	#	#	0	#	0
Manor Park School	6	19	#	7	0
Mile End School	#	0	0	0	0
Milltimber School	#	0	0	0	0
Muirfield School	0	#	#	0	0
Oldmachar Academy	0	0	#	#	#
Riverbank School	0	0	0	#	0
Seaton School	0	0	#	#	0
Skene Square School	#	0	0	0	0
St Machar Academy	0	10	#	7	0
St Peter's RC Primary School	0	0	0	#	0
Stoneywood School	0	#	0	#	0
Sunnybank School	#	#	#	#	0
Torry Academy	#	0	#	0	0
Tullos School	9	#	9	0	0
Walker Road School	#	#	0	0	0
Westpark School	0	#	0	#	0
Woodside School	0	#	0	#	0
Aberdeen City	49	62	60	67	#

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identified, and ACC does not consider that they would expect ACC to release this information about them into the public domain under the FOISA.

### Has police been involved in any of the incidents – if so where?

Aberdeen City Council system does not record this information.

You may wish to contact Police Scotland directly for this information at foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or to:

FOI Central Processing Unit Information Management Unit Police Scotland Clyde Gateway 2 French Street Glasgow G40 4EH

We are unable to provide you with information on **if the has police been involved in any of the incidents** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with our obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, we hereby give notice that this information is not held by us.

### Did any incident involve a teacher - if so how many and where?

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Airyhall School	0	#	#	0	0
Bramblebrae School	0	0	0	#	#
Bridge of Don Academy	#	0	#	0	0
Brimmond School	0	0	#	7	0
Broomhill School	0	#	#	0	0
Bucksburn Academy	0	0	0	#	0
Charleston School	0	0	#	0	0
Cordyce School	#	0	0	0	0
Cornhill School	#	0	0	#	0
Cults Primary School	0	0	#	0	0
Dyce Academy	#	0	0	0	0
Dyce Primary School	0	0	#	#	0
Fernielea School	0	#	#	9	0
Gilcomstoun School	0	0	0	#	#
Harlaw Academy	0	0	#	#	0
Hazlewood School	#	0	0	0	0
Heathryburn School	#	0	#	0	0
Kaimhil School	0	6	0	#	0
Kincorth Academy	0	0	#	0	0
Kingsford School	0	0	0	#	#
Kingswells Schooll	0	0	#	#	0

Kittybrewster School	0	0	#	0	0
Lochside School	0	0	0	#	0
Loirston School	#	#	0	#	0
Manor Park School	#	11	#	#	0
Mile End School	#	0	0	0	0
Muirfield School	0	#	0	0	0
Riverbank School	0	0	0	#	0
Seaton School	0	0	#	0	0
St Machar Academy	0	6	#	#	0
St Peter's RC Primary School	0	0	0	#	0
Stoneywood School	0	#	0	0	0
Sunnybank School	#	#	0	0	0
Torry Academy	0	0	#	0	0
Tullos School	7	#	7	0	0
Walker Road School	#	#	0	0	0
Westpark School	0	#	0	0	0
Woodside School	0	#	0	#	0
Aberdeen City	25	36	30	40	#

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **any incident involve a teacher – if so how many and where** for all schools as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing this part of your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with Section 38(2A)(a) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

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Aberdeen Grammar School	0	#	0	0	0
Airyhall School	#	0	#	0	0
Braehead School	#	0	0	0	0

### Did any incident involve another pupil – if so how many and where?

Bridge of Don Academy	0	0	#	0	0
Brimmond School	0	0	#	#	0
Bucksburn Academy	0	0	0	#	0
Culter School	0	0	#	0	0
Dyce Academy	#	#	0	0	0
Dyce Primary School	0	0	#	#	0
Fernielea School	0	0	#	#	0
Hanover Street	0	#	0	0	0
Harlaw Academy	#	0	0	#	#
Hazlehead Academy	0	0	#	#	0
Hazlewood School	#	0	0	0	0
Heathryburn School	#	#	0	#	#
Kaimhil School	#	0	0	0	0
Kincorth Academy	0	#	#	0	0
Kingsford School	0	0	0	#	#
Kittybrewster School	0	#	#	#	0
Manor Park School	#	8	#	#	0
Milltimber School	#	0	0	0	0
Muirfield School	0	0	#	0	0
Oldmachar Academy	0	0	#	#	#
Seaton School	0	0	#	#	0
Skene Square School	#	0	0	0	0
St Machar Academy	0	#	#	#	0
St Peter's RC Primary School	0	0	0	#	0
Stoneywood School	0	0	0	#	0
Sunnybank School	#	#	#	#	0
Torry Academy	#	0	0	0	0
Tullos School	#	#	#	0	0
Walker Road School	#	#	0	0	0
Westpark School	0	#	0	#	0
Woodside School	0	0	0	#	0
Aberdeen City	24	26	30	27	#

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# Was anyone injured in any incident – if so how many and where?

2015: # 2016: # 2017: # 2018: 0 2019: 6

The figures replaced with # cannot be provided as it relates to numbers greater than 0 but less than or equal to 5 which could be misleading or lead to identification of an individual.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **anyone injured in any incident – if so how many and where** as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing this part of your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with Section 38(2A)(a) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

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# INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

We handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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