



Response Date:08/09/2025

2025/867 - School weapons

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following information broken down by the school academic years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

1 - The number of pupils aged 18 and under recorded as being in possession of an offensive weapon on a school premises (primary and secondary schools only) during the academic years outlined above.

2 – Please provide a breakdown of the number of offences which took place in a primary school setting and the number of offences which took place in a secondary school setting

2- A list of the type of weapons involved - i.e – knife, machete, knuckle duster, firearm, hammer etc

3 – A breakdown of the ages of pupils involved provided in the following two age categories:

Age 4-11

Age 12-18

4 – The age of the youngest pupil recorded as being in possession of an offensive weapon on school premises (primary and secondary schools only) for the academic years outlined above (this does not need to be broken down by academic year) and the type of weapon involved.

Possession/Threaten with Bladed Article/Offensive Weapons on School Premises Offences(008/.27, 008/28, 008/62, 008/63) recorded since 01/09/22 where either linked suspect/arrested/offender is under 18:

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Academic Year	HO Code	HO Description	Offence HO Group3	Occ. Area	Outcome	Suspect Age	Arrested Age	Offender Age	Weapon used	Weapon used subtype
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	DC	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	13				
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	DC	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	13				
2022/23	008/63	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WC	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	15			;Sharp instrument;	;Knife;Used items from scene; Weapon as threat only;Kitchen knife;
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WC	02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	11		11		

2022/23	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WC	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	13				
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	FN	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	14				
2022/23	008/63	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WC	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	16				
2022/23	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	FN	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	15				
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or	(2.0) Non-victim	WX	10. Police Formal Action Not	12				

		point on school / further education premises;	based crime		In Public Interest					
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	GN	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	11				
2022/23	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WC	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	11			;Sharp instrument;	
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WC	02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	11		11		
2022/23	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	DC	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	10				

		education premises								
2022/23	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	FN	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	15		15	;Sharp instrument;	;Knife;Stanley knife/blade;
2022/23	008/28	Possession of other offensive weapon on school / further education premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WX	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	11				
2023/24	008/63	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	GN	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	11				;Pen knife;
2023/24	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	GS	22. Diversionary/Educational	11				

		education premises;								
2023/24	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	YM	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution			17		
2023/24	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	CR	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	13				
2023/24	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	DC	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	16				
2023/24	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	YM	22. Diversionary/Educational	13				
2023/24	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on	(2.0) Non-victim based	CR	08. Community Resolution	14		14		

		school / further education premises;	crime		/ Youth Restorativ e Disposal					
2023/24	008/ 27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non- victim based crime	GS	08. Communit y Resolution / Youth Restorativ e Disposal	12		12		
2023/24	008/ 27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non- victim based crime	YM	08. Communit y Resolution / Youth Restorativ e Disposal	13		13		
2023/24	008/ 27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non- victim based crime	YM	01. Charged / Summons ed / Postal Requisition	13	13	13		
2024/25	008/ 27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non- victim based crime	WX	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	13	13			
2024/25	008/ 62	Threaten with a	(2.0) Non-	CR	15. Police Named	13				

		blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	victim based crime		Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties					
2024/25	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WR	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	16				
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2024/25	008/63	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	WX	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	13			;Sharp instrument;	

		premises								
2024/25	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	CR	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	13			;Sharp instrument;	;Items brought by offender ;Knife;Pen knife;
2024/25	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	CR	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	13			;Sharp instrument;	;Items brought by offender ;Pen knife;
2024/25	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	YM	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	11				
2024/25	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	YM	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	13				

2024/25	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	YM	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	16				
2024/25	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	GN	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	11				
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2024/25	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school /	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	GN	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	12				

		further education premises;								
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2024/25	008/62	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	CR	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	12				

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Please note: Although the location has been logged on our system as a particular school, it does not mean that every incident relates to that school. The information provided includes incidents reported at or in the vicinity of school premises, both during and outside school hours and will include crimes reported about members of the public who are in no way connected with the school. It includes incidents where it may be found after investigation that there was actually no crime committed. The classification afforded by North Wales Police is in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules, and consequently incidents may not actually be as serious as the classification title may suggest. It is therefore not a true reflection of the school, the pupils or the staff. Consequently, this data is not suitable to be used in the formulation of league tables as the data in the format provided is not necessarily comparable.

We also do not have a flag on address to record between primary/secondary school.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/08/2025