



Response Date:02/02/2026

2026/075 - Pupils found in school with a weapon or dangerous implement

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the last 3 full calendar years (2023/24/25) and for as much of 2026 as possible please can you supply:

1. The number of pupils found in school with a weapon or dangerous implement. Please break down according to primary/secondary school.

We have searched for Recorded possession of weapon offences where the location subtype is recorded as "School" + HO codes 008/27;008/28.

We have also searched for HO Codes 008/62;008/63 or Recorded violent crimes where Weapon Used is different from "No Weapon Used" and "Unknown" and the location subtype is recorded as "School". Location is poorly populated therefore under reporting may be likely.

Recorded possession of weapon offences where the location subtype is recorded as "School" + HO codes 008/27;008/28	
Calendar Year	Crime Count (Possession of Weapons)
2023	12
2024	11
2025	19

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HO Codes 008/62;008/63 or Recorded violent crimes Weapon Used is different from "No Weapon Used" and "Unknown" and the location subtype is recorded as "School".	
Calendar Year	Crime Count (Knife Crime)
2023	22
2024	22
2025	25

2. The number and type of weapons or dangerous implements seized from schools. Please break down according to primary/secondary.

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3. The number and age of school pupils charged with offences relating to possession of a weapon or dangerous implement.

Note: Children are not always classified as a suspect/offender

Calendar Year	Location Subtype	Offence HO Group1	Charged	arrested age	suspect age	Offender age	Offender Occupation Type	Outcome
2023		12. Possession of Weapons	N		11			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N		11			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N		13			21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest
2023	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N					18. Investigation Complete No

								Suspect Identified
2023	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		11			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2023	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		11	11	Student	02 Youth Caution / Conditional Caution
2023	Street/road	12. Possession of Weapons	N					18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N					18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified
2023	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		12			21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest
2023	School	01. VAP	N		10			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N		15			22. Checkpoint
2023	School	01. VAP	N					20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2023		12. Possession of Weapons	N		11			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N		14	14		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2023	School	01. VAP	N		14			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws

								Support - Named Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N					20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2023	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		11			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2023	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		11			22. Checkpoint
2023	School	01. VAP	N					18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N		10			20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2023	School	01. VAP	N		41			20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2023		12. Possession of Weapons	N			17	Student	03. Adult Caution / Conditional Caution
2023		12. Possession of Weapons	N			17	Unemployed	03. Adult Caution / Conditional Caution
2023		12. Possession of Weapons	N		13			21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest
2023	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		16			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2023		12. Possession	N		13			22. Checkpoint

		of Weapons						
2023	School	01. VAP	N		13			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2023	School	01. VAP	N		14			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13			22. Checkpoint
2024		12. Possession of Weapons	N		14	14		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13	13		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13	14		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		14	13		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		14	14		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		12			20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2024	School	01. VAP	N		12			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but

								Evidential Difficulties
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N					20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		12	12		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		13	13		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N					14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	Y	13	13	13	Student	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2024	School	01. VAP	N		17			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2024	School	01. VAP	N		42			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2024	School	01. VAP	N		15			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but

								Evidential Difficulties
2024	School	01. VAP	N		15			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2024	School	01. VAP	N		16			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N					18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified
2024		12. Possession of Weapons	N	13	13			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2024	Pavement	12. Possession of Weapons	N		13			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2024		12. Possession of Weapons	N		16			22. Checkpoint
2024	School	01. VAP	N					14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		13			20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2024	School	01. VAP	N					14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13	13		08. Community

								Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13	14	Student	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		14	13		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		14	14	Student	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13	13		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		13	14	Student	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		14	13		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2024	School	01. VAP	N		14	14	Student	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2025	School	01. VAP	N					14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender
2025	School	01. VAP	N		10			22. Checkpoint
2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		11			20. Other Body / Agency has

								Investigation Primacy
2025	School	01. VAP	N		13			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		13			20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		13			15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2024	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		13			15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025		12. Possession of Weapons	N					15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		16			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N	43	43	43		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2025		12. Possession of Weapons	N	43	43	43		08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative

								Disposal
2025	School	01. VAP	N		14			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025		12. Possession of Weapons	N		11			16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2025	Street/road	12. Possession of Weapons	N		10			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		13			22. Checkpoint
2025		12. Possession of Weapons	N		10			21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest
2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		12	12	Student	22. Checkpoint
2025	School	01. VAP	N					14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender
2025		12. Possession of Weapons	N		10			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025	School	01. VAP	N		11			15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties

2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		19		15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2025	School	01. VAP	N		11		16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2025	School	01. VAP	N		11	11	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal
2025	School	01. VAP	N		13		20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2025	School	12. Possession of Weapons	N		17		14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender

4. The number who were then prosecuted in court, given a caution or no further action was taken.

Please see the answer to Q3.

North Wales Police do not hold prosecution data.

You would need to re-direct this enquiry to the Crown Prosecution Service.

5. Of those who were prosecuted, the type of punishment handed down.

Please see the answer to Q4.

Please also 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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 27/01/2026