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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 969/24 Weapons in Schools

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 29th of October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information for the past three academic years (Sept 2021-Aug 2022, Sept 2022-Aug 2023 and Sept 2023 - Aug 2024):

1. *The number of reported incidents of each of the following offences:*
 - a. *Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises*
 - b. *Possession of offensive weapon on school premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse*
 - c. *Having an article with a blade or point on school premises*
 - d. *Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises*
2. *In each case, please could you give details of the type of weapon, the type of school premises involved (primary or secondary), details of who it was in possession of the weapon (for example their age, if they are a staff member or pupil), and the outcome of the offence (where known).*

I would prefer to receive all the information electronically.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime recording system.

Question 1- Please see below for a table outlining the volume of crimes recorded under the requested categories.



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Offence	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	008/28 - Possession Of Offensive Weapons Without Lawful Authority Or Reasonable Excuse On School Premises	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	008/63 - Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises.	Grand Total
Sep21 - Aug22	12	1	4	0	17
Sep22 - Aug23	7	3	2	4	16
Sep23 - Aug24	9	0	2	1	12
Grand Total	28	4	8	5	45

Question 2-

Please see below for a table outlining the requested details. The age at crime for the suspect or offender has been provided.

Please note that there may be more than person associated with a crime if there are multiple suspects involved, or there may be no persons associated if the suspect is unknown. This means the volume in the table below may differ from the volume of crimes above.



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Crime	Outcome Code	Outcome Description	Offence	Suspect Offender Age At Crime	School Type	Weapon Type	Possessing Person
1	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Blunt training knife	Pupil
2	OC2	Caution - youths	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	15	Secondary School	Butterfly Knife - Stated 2" Length	Pupil
3	OC1	Charge/summons	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	13	Ages 8 to 19 - Specialist Residential	Stanley Knife	Pupil
4	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	15	KS2 - KS4	Ghillie Knife	Pupil
5	OC18	Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	12	Secondary School	Threats of knife - None produced	Pupil
5	OC18	Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	13	Secondary School	Threats of knife - None produced	Pupil
5	OC18	Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	12	Secondary School	Threats of knife - None produced	Pupil



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6	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	14	Secondary School	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
7	OC2A	Youth Caution with Alternate Offence	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	14	Pupil Referral Unit	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
8	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	13	Secondary School	Multitool Knife (Pen Knife)	Pupil
9	OC2	Caution - youths	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	17	Further Education College	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
10	OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Lockable Blade 1.5" Length	Pupil
11	OC8	Community resolution	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	11	Secondary School	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
12	OC8	Community resolution	008/28 - Possession Of Offensive Weapons Without Lawful Authority Or Reasonable Excuse On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Improvised Article	Pupil
13	OC1	Charge/summons	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	15	KS2 - KS4	Pocket Knife	Pupil
14	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	15	Secondary School	Screwdriver	Pupil
15	OC20	Other Agency Delegations	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	15	Secondary School	Screwdriver	Pupil



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16	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	14	KS2 - KS4	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
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17	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Fishing Knife - 1" length	Pupil
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18	OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	13	Secondary School	Work Knife	Pupil
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19	OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	008/28 - Possession Of Offensive Weapons Without Lawful Authority Or Reasonable Excuse On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Small Folding Knife	Pupil
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20	OC2	Caution - youths	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	15	Secondary School	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
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21	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/63 - Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises.	11	KS2 - KS4	Improvised Article	Pupil
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22	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/63 - Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises.	11	KS2 - KS4	Improvised Article	Pupil
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23	OC2	Caution - youths	008/63 - Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises.	14	Secondary School	Multitool Knife (Pen Knife)	Pupil
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24	OC2	Caution - youths	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	14	Special School	Improvised Article	Pupil
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25	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/28 - Possession Of Offensive Weapons Without Lawful Authority Or Reasonable Excuse On School Premises	16	KS2 - KS4	Improvised Article	Pupil
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26	OC8	Community resolution	008/28 - Possession Of Offensive Weapons Without Lawful Authority Or Reasonable Excuse On School Premises	13	Secondary School	Lockable Blade 3.5" Length	Pupil
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27	OC2	Caution - youths	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	12	KS2 - KS4	Butter Knife (Culinary)	Pupil
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28	OC1	Charge/summons	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	16	Pupil Referral Unit	Small Folding Knife	Pupil
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29	OC8	Community resolution	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	15	Secondary School	Pocket Knife	Pupil
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30	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
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31	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/63 - Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises.		Secondary School	Scissors	Pupil
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32	OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	14	Special School	Steak Knife (Culinary)	Pupil
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33	OC2	Caution - youths	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	14	Secondary School	Fixed Blade - 13cm Length	Pupil
34	OC11	Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	9	Primary School	Lockable Blade - 3" Length	Pupil
35	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	15	KS2 - KS4	Improvised Article	Pupil
36	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	14	Secondary School	Small Folding Knife - 3" Length	Pupil
37	OC18	Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Screwdriver	Pupil
38	OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	15	Secondary School	Scissors	Pupil
39	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	16	Secondary School	Screwdriver	Pupil
40	OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	13	Secondary School	Kitchen Knife	Pupil
41	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	12	Secondary School	Decorative Knife	Pupil



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42	OC8	Community resolution	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	11	Secondary School	Decorative Knife	Pupil
43	OC21	Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest	008/27 - Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	10	Primary School	Small knife	Pupil
44	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	17	Secondary School	Kitchen Scissors	Pupil
44	OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	008/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	17	Secondary School	Kitchen Scissors	Pupil
45	*Crime Still Open*		008/63 - Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises.	15	Special School	Improvised Article	Pupil

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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