Further to your Information request FOI64331 please find your questions and our responses below:

For the 2011/12 academic year can you state how many children within your authority were (i) given a fixed period exclusion and (ii) permanently excluded from a school because of their involvement with a weapon of any description?

Please could you give a one line summary of each incident referred to in Q.1. Detailing what the weapon was, used or threat and who the victim was – pupil, teacher or member of public.

I appreciate that weapons is not a specific exclusion code under the Department of Education guidelines, although some authorities do independently make a category for weapons. If you do not have it as an easily identifiable category then I would ask that some sort of computer search for the words “knife”, “gun”, “blade” or “cosh” is carried out. If this task is too great for the cost limit then please limit its scope to just the permanent exclusions.

Response: We are not able to give information on fixed term exclusions. As stated in the request the information is not held under a specific knife/weapon category on our system. Schools notify us of all exclusions, but not of the detail.

Re permanent exclusions –

In the academic year 11/12 there were 6 permanent exclusions that were knife related.

2 – Stanley knife
1 – Clay knife
2 - Kitchen knife
1 - Flick knife

In one incident a student was threatened
In one incident staff were threatened
The other 4 incidents were possession.

This concludes your request FOI64331.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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