



Reference: FOI-576

Request:

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the number of expulsions from schools. The information I am specifically requesting is:

1. The amount of pupils that have been expelled from secondary schools in your area in the academic years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22
2. The total amount of students in secondary education in the academic years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22.

Response:

Note: Expulsions are now called Permanent Exclusions.

1. This information is refused in answer to this request under the FOI Act Section 21, as the information is accessible by other means. The 2019/20 and 2020/21 Permanent Exclusions and Suspensions data can be found here:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-tables/permalink/7e6a935a-630f-44fa-94e4-08db08498a11>

The Headcount offered is the standard DfE denominator for exclusion rates and is all pupils in the school from Reception to Year 14 for all schools that are deemed secondary phase as at January School Census in the reporting year. In North Tyneside's case this includes Kings Priory and Middle Schools as well as Secondary and High Schools.

2021/22 can be offered provisionally, however, there are a number of caveats to provisional exclusions data:

Schools are required to report permanent exclusions to the LA, but not suspensions.

A Permanent Exclusion is not counted in the DfE statistics until the appeal process is complete, this leads to a reporting delay of two additional terms. Exclusions from the latter term of 2021/22 could still be overturned at some point this term, therefore this information is refused under the FOI Act Section 22 as the information is intended for future publication.

The DfE will publish 2021/22 data in November 2023.

Provisional 2021/22 data:

Number of Permanent Exclusions = 32

2. Number of pupils in secondary phase (DfE methodology as above) = 13949

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