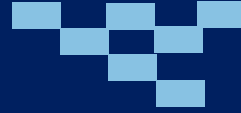


School staff attacked 296 times

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A total of 296 of 296 attacks were logged during the two-year period which comprise the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 academic years. Twenty-three of the assaults resulting in one or more pupils being suspended.

Sandwell council's director of education Chris Ward said the authority works to prevent incidents alongside support from Unions

Other cases

Figures released by the government show 17,680 physical assaults by pupils against teaching staff between 2012 and 2013 – or 93 per school day

The total number for teacher assaults increased from 16,970 between 2011 and 2012

Some good news is that exclusions both temporary and permanent had fallen by 61,000 between 2012 & 2013 compared with 2009 and 2010 said the government.

The department for education measures introduced in 2012 by the government had led to the fall

Pupils claiming free school meals were four times more likely to receive a permanent exclusion, according to statistics

Boys were three times more likely to be excluded than girls.

“ Schools are required to carry out risk assessments and develop behaviour plans to manage pupils with behavioural issues and we provide training and support to school staff”

Earlier this month it was revealed that dozens of teachers have been assaulted at schools in Wolverhampton in the past academic year.

Twenty-four primary school teachers were attacked and eight secondary school staff

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I consider this to be a very serious matter for teachers

Chris Ward



Reporting

We strongly encourage schools to report incidents, so that behaviour can be managed and staff can be supported.

These matters are also monitored and discussed with trade unions and school safety committees

Chris Ward: Sandwell school's director of education