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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/013622/J

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013622/J**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for 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*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

**CAVEATS**

**In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.**

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2024, where the HO 5 digit code is:

- 008/27 (Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises);
  - 008/28 (Possession of other offensive weapon on school/further education premises),
  - 008/62 (Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises) or
  - 008/63 (Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises)
- excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

| Home Office Code | Offence                                                                               | Sep 2021 - Aug 2022 | Sep 2022 - Aug 2023 | Sep 2023 - Aug 2024 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 008/27           | Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises          | 117                 | 91                  | 85                  |
| 008/62           | Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises | 19                  | 22                  | 23                  |
| 008/28           | Possession of other offensive weapon on school/further education premises             | 25                  | 18                  | 9                   |
| 008/63           | Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises                | 5                   | 5                   | 5                   |