

35191 School Population

Total number of schools run by the council (primary, secondary and special needs)

123

Q2. Total number of pupils attending all schools run by council.

52,564

Q3. Total number of school bullying incidents recorded in SEEMiS in line with government policy for the last three school years, i.e. 2020 / 2021, 2019 / 2020 and 2018 / 2019.

Please provide numbers per school year, not the total over three years. For example, 100 in the 2020 / 2021 school year, 120 in 2019 / 2020 school year, etc.

	Total number of bullying incidents recorded (all schools) Note: incidents have been recorded centrally since June 2019. Prior to session 2019/20, schools provided an annual return.
2018/19	725
2019/20	384
2020/21	1,979

NOTE 1

Bullying incident data extracted from the central Bullying and Equalities Module (2019/20 and 2020/21)

The incident count used is the highest possible count of incidents: it includes each instance of the perceived reason being displayed, per pupil and per nature of incident. For example, if one pupil experienced racism by 2 other pupils and this involved both name-calling and abusive messages, this would show as 4 instances of racism. In the previous system (up to June 2019) this would have counted as only one incident.

NOTE 2

Data for 2019/20 and 2020/21

There has been a marked increase in the total number of recorded incidents from 2019-20 to session 2020-21. The total number of incidents for session 2019-20 is significantly lower than would be expected. This is explained by the lack of familiarity with the new recording system (2019/20 was the first year of implementation in Edinburgh) and also by the period of school closures from mid-March to end June 2020. We put in place steps to address this in session 2020-21 including: implementing a strengthened 'Preventing and Responding to Bullying and Prejudice' procedure; supplementary guidance on tackling racist incidents; and training for school Equality Co-ordinators. We continue to monitor data and support schools.