

63357 Assaults on Teachers and Other Pupils

In each of the last five academic years (2021-22 to 2025-26), how many pupil assaults have been recorded against:

- (a) Teachers
- (b) support staff
- (c) other pupils

Broken down by:

- (i) primary schools
- (ii) secondary schools

Incidents against staff are recorded separately from incidents against pupils.

Please refer to the tables below which provide these separate datasets.

a. Assaults by Pupils against Teachers in each Session:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Primary	237	498	763	912	952
Secondary	54	139	109	298	267

b. Assaults by Pupils against Support Staff in each Session:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Primary	585	921	1,234	1,518	1,763
Secondary	3	12	23	26	50

c. Assaults by Pupils against Pupils in each Session:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Primary	91	80	85	81	93
Secondary	226	192	232	171	201

The Pupil against Pupil records are based on exclusion records*

For the assaults recorded in response to Question 1, please provide a breakdown by:

- (a) physical assault
- (b) verbal assault

Please refer to the tables below.

a. Assaults by Pupils against Teachers:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Physical Assault	194	442	615	842	904
Verbal Assault	97	195	257	368	315

b. Assaults by Pupils against Support Staff:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Physical Assault	448	813	1,061	1,422	1,706
Verbal Assault	140	120	196	122	107

c. Assaults by Pupils against Pupils in each Session specifically recorded as 'Physical Assault' or 'Verbal Assault':

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Physical Assault	168	151	169	115	164
Verbal Assault	46	52	60	65	54

*The Pupil against Pupil records provided in A1c above include reasons for exclusion which are not 'Physical Assault' or 'Verbal Assault' specifically, hence the figures in A1c are greater than the figures in A2c.