

Table 2 Distribution of pupils' reported experience of physical abuse, by sex

| Types of physical abuse   | Males<br>(n = 667) |      | Females<br>(n = 399) |      | Total<br>(n = 1066) |      | P-value |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|---------|
|                           | No.                | %    | No.                  | %    | No.                 | %    |         |
| Standing in a hurtful way | 296                | 44.4 | 130                  | 32.6 | 426                 | 40.0 | 0.011   |
| Twisting ear              | 316                | 47.4 | 51                   | 12.8 | 367                 | 34.4 | < 0.001 |
| Standing in the sun       | 244                | 36.6 | 117                  | 29.3 | 361                 | 33.9 | 0.086   |
| Beating shoulder          | 268                | 40.2 | 81                   | 20.3 | 349                 | 32.7 | < 0.001 |
| Beating head              | 260                | 39.0 | 35                   | 8.8  | 295                 | 27.7 | < 0.001 |
| Pinching                  | 157                | 23.5 | 32                   | 8.0  | 189                 | 17.7 | < 0.001 |
| Crushing fingers          | 154                | 23.0 | 15                   | 3.8  | 169                 | 15.9 | < 0.001 |
| Throwing with objects     | 128                | 19.2 | 39                   | 9.8  | 167                 | 15.7 | < 0.001 |
| Pulling hair              | 150                | 22.5 | 14                   | 3.5  | 164                 | 15.4 | < 0.001 |
| Crushing hands            | 151                | 22.6 | 12                   | 3.0  | 163                 | 15.3 | < 0.001 |
| Taking food away          | 101                | 15.1 | 29                   | 7.3  | 130                 | 12.2 | 0.002   |
| Slapping face             | 80                 | 12.0 | 9                    | 2.3  | 89                  | 8.3  | < 0.001 |
| Kicking                   | 67                 | 10.0 | 1                    | 0.3  | 68                  | 6.4  | < 0.001 |
| Punching                  | 50                 | 7.5  | 0                    | 0.0  | 50                  | 4.7  | < 0.001 |
| Choking                   | 40                 | 6.0  | 4                    | 1.0  | 44                  | 4.1  | < 0.001 |