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Continue to use these tools to find out the current status of data collections. The summary section shows what's changed since the last update.

Summary of the latest changes

To help reduce the burden on educational and care settings, the Department for Education (DfE) has paused or cancelled some data collections and services that the most essential data collections, services and requests. An ongoing review of the list is taking place and the latest updates will be made available on this webpage.

Due to continue

In addition to those already in place, the following collections will now continue:

- 2020 T Level Statistical Data Gather
- 2020 T Level Registration
- 2-year old headcount survey
- Alternative Provision Census
- Alternative Provision Free School place request
- Funding Claim
- High needs place changes request form
- Local authority moderation manager and strategic lead contact survey
- Level and Buildings Collection Tool
- Multi-academy trust capacity funding grants, assessment
- National Leader of Governance (NLG) Grant payments and assurance
- September Sufficiency Survey

Data collections which will continue

Collection title	Data source	Further information
Department of Teaching Schools and Schools Direct	Schools	Planned opening in April, opened in mid-June, with an extension to the closing date until 17 July
College Financial Data Return	FE colleges	Now collection opened 15 June
Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) collection	Maintained schools in local authorities in the north	Planned opening in April, opened in mid-June, with an extension to the closing date until 3 September
Section 251 collect (2019-20)	Local authorities	To open at planned in July
Secure Children's Homes Accommodation	Secure children's homes	Planned opening in April, opened in mid-June, with an extension to the closing date until 10 July, with a further short extension to 17 July
DfE initial teacher training early years recruitment data	Providers	Monthly collection, paused from April to July, will resume from 1 August
Capita and Destiny Fund	Post 16 providers	Collection opening on 17 August
DSG CFR Resource collection	Local authorities	Will open as planned in September
Children's Social Work Workforce (CSWW) Census	Local authorities	Will open as planned in October
Reactive Funding Data Collection	Academies and Trusts	Will open as planned in October
School Census - autumn	Schools	Will open as planned in October
Budget Forecast Return 3 Year (BFR3Y)	Academy Trusts	Collection opened 5 July. This deadline has been extended by 2 months to 30 September 2020
Early years setting form	Local authorities	To be returned monthly as local authorities support early years providers
Educational setting status form	Schools and FE colleges	Monthly collection by all schools and FE colleges
Vulnerable children and young people (VCYP)	Local authorities	To be returned monthly by local authorities
European Social Fund Supplementary Data (ESF supplementary)	FE Skillmap	Providers are invited to submit the return if the Rural Skills Service data is available to do so
Alternative Business Case Templates	FE, Schools and Academies	None
External Audit Review Report	ESFA funded providers	None
Children in Need (CIN) Census	Local authorities	Collection to continue but with deadline extended. Further guidance to be communicated separately
Individualised Learner Record	FE Skillmap	The collection will remain open. Providers are invited to submit the return if they have the resources available to do so
Individualised Learner Record (ILR)	FE Skillmap	Providers are invited to submit the return if they have the resources available to do so
National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)	All providers for schools	None
Capital Spend Survey	Local authorities and Academy Trusts	Timetable will be extended into 2021 for the first year of completion. This collection is voluntary for rural authorities
Teaching internship programme grant claims to expenses already incurred	Schools	None
Children's Home data (SSDA903) Return	Local authorities	Collection to continue but with deadline extended. Further details to be communicated separately
CIF (Condition Improvement fund)	Schools	None
Course Directory	FE Skillmap	Directory is by course period
Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) award process	Training providers	None
Temporary Arrangements for Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) induction and probation exercise		None
AL to FE grant returns	Local authorities	None
Local Authority Revenue Data Schools Education	Local authorities	Return to be reviewed to minimise statutory requirement
Independent and Special Guardianship Support Service (ISGSS) Survey	Local authorities, voluntary adoption agencies, and regional adoption agencies	Collection to continue but with deadline extended
Employer Support fund Pilot - T levels	Post 16 providers	Collection due to go live on 1 September
Teacher Pension Fund Grant	Schools	Collection due to go live on 1 September
FT Trainee Number Census	Higher education institutes and independent training providers reporting (HESES)	Collection due to go live in October
Pilot academy trust capacity funding grants	Academy Trusts	Collection opened on 6 July
National Leader of Governance (NLG) Grant payments and assurance	Schools and NLGs	Collection opened 13 July
Local authority moderation manager and strategic lead contact survey	Local authorities, voluntary adoption agencies, and regional adoption agencies	Collection opened on 13 July, with a minor extra of the end of August
September Sufficiency Survey	Local authorities	Short-form longitudinal survey due to go live on 1 September. Collection of extended Summer Sufficiency survey
Employer Support fund Pilot - T levels	Post 16 providers	Collection due to go live 1 September
2021 T Level Statistical Data Gather	Post 16 providers delivering T level	Collection due to go live on 1 October
2-year old headcount survey	Local authorities	Collection due to go live in October, with an extended window to submit data
Alternative Provision Free School place request	Alternative Provision Free School	Collection due to go live on 1 November
High needs place change request form	All maintained schools or academies in receipt of high needs funding	Collection due to go live on 1 November. Intended to phase in a longer collection period
Academies Accounts Return	Academy Trusts	Collection due to go live in November
Land and Buildings Collection Tool	Local authorities	Collection due to go live on 26 October
Funding Claim	FE Skillmap	Collection due to go live on 26 October
2021 T Level Registration	Post 16 providers with a Rule Of Law Responsible Funding Agreement	Collection due to go live on 26 November

Data services which will continue

Collection title	Data source	Further information
Application to designate Religious character to schools	Local authority maintained schools	Paused April to June, reopened June to allow dioceses and voluntary aided schools to apply
Extremism in Education Public Referral Form	Public	Resuming on 6 June
National Non-Domestic Rates	Academies and Trusts	To enable academies to claim back money on rates
Role Protection Arrangements	RPA members: Academies, Local authorities, Multi-Academy Trust Authorities	Schools temporarily suspended from RPA
Section 47 Decisions of Child Protection Investigations	Independent educational consultants and independent special school inspectors	
Data Sharing Protocols for NTS data and PN for local authorities	Local authorities	Return required to receive dataset from the ESFA
Shipping Protection form E: Applications for consent to acquire or dispose of land, or erect buildings or carry out work on playing fields	Academies	None
Requests to a director to admit a child to an Academy	Local authorities	None
Provides information about your teaching and pupils to DfE	Academies Academy Trusts Suppliers and providers	Collection to continue
Supplementary Data Collection	Training providers	None
Financial Health Data Supplier Registration	Suppliers	None
National Careers Service	Area Based Contractors	None
Child Safeguarding Incident Notification System	Local authorities	This online notification system will remain open
Apprenticeship Service	ESFA Funded Providers, Employers, Training Quality Assessment Organisations, Citizens	Collection to continue
Get Information About Schools	Educational Settings	The database will remain open
Future Teaching Scholars Programme: Expression of interest/nomination/application form	Teacher training applicants	None
Secondary school applicants for early years transitions	Academy Trust	Academies should continue to decline or seek approval for delayed early transitions into the entire form, even if supporting children current in provision in Year 2
National Client Support to Information Quality (NCSIQ)	Local authorities	Continue Data Lead to maintain data integrity

Data collections and services which will be cancelled for this academic or financial year

Collection title	Data source	Further information
Autumn Sufficiency Exercise	Local authorities	Collection cancelled. to be replaced by a shorter form and later collection
FE College Collect Details	FE Colleges	Collection cancelled, no longer required for FE colleges. Data collection is based on data publication in 2020
Successful applications to the Register of Independent Educational Providers	Providers, Local authorities, Other state-funded schools and sixth form colleges	Collection cancelled. decision made not to open application which closed on 10 April
School Financial Value Standard (SFVS) statement	Local authorities	
Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)	Local authorities, Maintained schools, state-funded schools and sixth form colleges	
Key Stage 1 (KS1) assessments	Local authorities, Maintained schools	
Phonics screening check	Local authorities, Maintained schools	
National Offer Day Survey	Local authorities	To be replaced by a much shorter collection of essential information
Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF) - Live Plan Gateway	Local authorities	Local authorities will no longer be required to submit a Gateway Form to request a payment from 2020 to 2021 SPCF grants
Section 251B Budget (2020-21)		Budget return is cancelled for the year. The ESFA will collect early years provision data in January
School Capacity (SCAP) return	Local authorities	Collection cancelled. Further information will be provided in the Capital Funding Guidance for Local Authorities. Any queries can be addressed to SCAP.PF@education.gov.uk
Industry Placements: Capacity and Delivery Tool	Post 16 providers	
School Census - Summer	Schools	None
Year Group 1 National Data Collection Scores (Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments Data)	Schools	None
Year Group 2 National Data Collection Scores (Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments Data)	Schools	None
Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessments	Schools	None
Key Stage 2 Test Outcome Data	Schools	None
Year Group 1 (EYFS) Provisional Tables / Data (PTD) Check outcomes	Schools	None
Key Stage 1 (KS1) Provisional Tables / Data (PTD) Check outcomes	Schools	None
Key Stage 2 (KS2) Provisional Tests (KS2) Tables / Data	Schools	None
Budget Forecast Return Outturn (BFRO)	Academy Trusts	None

Data collections and services which will be paused

These data collections and services will be paused until 30 September 2020, following a review in June 2020. Each of these will be reviewed, in line with criteria outlined in the Annex. In addition, to alleviate if the collections should happen before the year end, if so, when.

Collection title	Data source	Further information for publication
ITT Performance Profiles	Higher education institutes and initial teacher training providers (ITT)	Collection was due to go live on 1 September. Collection paused until end of September
Subcontracting Fees and Charges Data	ESFA funded providers	Collection paused extended until at least end of September
Financial Management Governance Self-Assessment (FMGS)	Academy trusts	Collection paused. Collection will open in August
LA Capital Grant - Annual Resource Expenses	Local authorities	Collection paused extended until end of September
Teaching Schools Alliance and National Leaders of Education Data Collection (including Leaders of Governance)	Teaching Schools Alliances	Collection paused extended until end of September
Academies Capital Grant - Annual Resource Expenses	Academies, maintained schools and local authorities (including aided/voluntary aided schools)	Collection paused extended until end of September
LCAP Capital Grant - Annual Resource Expenses	Diocese	Collection paused extended until end of September
SA EFC - Annual Resource Expenses	Sponsors and Diocesan schools	Collection paused extended until end of September
Childcare and Early Years Providers Survey	Early years providers (voluntary/school nurseries, maintained nurseries, childminders and Private, Voluntary and Independent providers)	Collection paused extended until end of September
Childcare and Early Years Survey of Parents	Parents/ legal guardians	Collection paused extended until end of September
Devolved Formula Capital Return for Delegating Bodies forms	Voluntary Aided Schools	Collection paused. data collection cancelled for this year

Deferred collections and services

Decisions will be deferred until later in 2020 for these data collections and services, and outcomes communicated to educational and care settings.

Collection Title	Data source	Further information for publication
Annual Technical and Additional Professional Review Process	Awarding organisations	Collection due to go live in 2020 to 2021 academic year, see decision deferred
Parental responsibility measurement (PRM) pilot	Local authorities	Collection due to go live in September. Decision deferred
Academy Trust Annual Submission (Joint return)	Academy Trusts	Collection due to go live in October. Decision deferred
School Workforce Census	Academies, maintained schools and local authorities (including aided/voluntary controlled schools)	Collection due to go live in November. Decision deferred
GIPSIAT Gender Recognition Panel Information Management Tool (GRIMT)	Academy Trusts	Decision deferred
Place allocation trials	Pilot Trials	Collection due to go live in October. decision deferred
Trading primary assessment (TPA)	Collection to schools by trading agencies	None
Coded Exposure Programme: Exposure of schools/trusts	Schools and Academies	None
FE workforce data collection	ESFA funded contract holder FE providers	Non-collection currently in development with the Further Education (FE) Sector Workforce Unit

Annex: Why data collections were paused or cancelled

Data collections were cancelled or paused unless they were covered by any of these principles.

Principle A

The information is essential for DfE to make decisions on action that needs to be taken to manage the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Principle B

The information is crucial for the running of educational and care settings, to update guidance or business continuity. This includes essential data that is required:

- for ensuring a payment to an institution (where there is no alternative method, for example, using data already held)
- for safeguarding purposes
- by law or where legislation does not allow for a relaxation on the collection of this information or where there is no alternative method, for example, using data already held
- where there is a statutory duty to prepare departmental accounts and to provide information to the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG)
- where the impact of not collecting the information is too great

Principle C

The information is not already collected elsewhere (including by other government departments or agencies) or the information cannot be reasonably estimated from other data already collected.

Principle D

Staff are likely to travel (where they would not otherwise need to) to collect information or submit the data return (for example, to access paper records), and principles A and B do not apply.

We have also paused all research data collections that are not related to coronavirus. Data collections and services that are paused will be reviewed regularly and will be prioritised, and that these are designed and coordinated to minimise engagement burden. Whilst these are not mandatory data requests, we appreciate your engagement to the greatest extent possible to help DfE respond to our users' needs.

Contact

Email Coronavirus.Guidance@education.gov.uk if you have any problems with completing returns that are still open.