



Ad-hoc notice: School closure during the 5th July 2016 teacher strike (provisional results)

On 5th July 2016 the National Union of Teachers carried out a day of national strike action over teachers' pay and conditions and school funding.

This statistical notice reports on the results of a data collection exercise performed by the Department for Education (DfE). The aim was to find out for all publicly funded schools in England whether they were open, partially open or closed on 5th July 2016.

The figures presented in this release are provisional, based on the status of the data collection as of 10:45AM on 5th July 2016. The data collection will continue until approximately 3:45PM on 5th July 2016 and a release with the final figures will be published by the end of the day.

Source Data

The data were collected by DfE between 1st July 2016 and 10:45AM on 5th July 2016 through a number of different methods as presented in the Table 1. Data were available for **17,638** out of the **21,957** publicly funded schools¹ in England (**80.3%**).

In advance of the strike, data for maintained schools were collected from a central return from each Local Authority (LA) and data for academies were collected via email from academy trusts.

On 4th July and 5th July, DfE ran a supplementary collection to gather additional information for the schools not included as part of the LA returns, in the following ways:

- Data were collected directly from schools and academy trusts via telephone using a core script of questions to ensure consistency of collection.
- Data were collected via LA or school websites, which involved searching the front page of the website for schools who could not be reached via telephone.

The schools where information could not be obtained via the methods above are classed as 'data not available'.

Findings

On 5th July 2016 there were **21,957** publicly funded schools in England. Out of these, **52.7%** were open, **17.4%** were partially open, **10.2%** were closed and the status of **19.7%** was unknown.

This means that out of the **17,638** publicly funded schools in England with a known status, **65.6%** were open, **21.7%** were partially open and **12.7%** were closed.

¹ The 66 non-maintained special schools in England are also in scope for the collection.

Table 1: Summary of the school closure data collection (only covers the provisional figures as of 10:45AM on 5th July 2016, the final figures are not yet available)

Data collection method	Number of schools	
	Provisional: Data as of 10:45AM on 5 th July 2016	Final: Data as of 3:45PM on 5 th July 2016
Provided by LAs via a central return	7,265	N/A
Provided by academy trusts via email	2,863	N/A
Telephone contact with schools and trusts	6,721	N/A
LA or school website	789	N/A
Data available	17,638	N/A
Data not available	4,319	N/A
All schools	21,957	21,957

Source: DfE

Table 2: Closure of publicly funded schools in England on 5th July 2016 (only covers the provisional figures as of 10:45AM on 5th July 2016, the final figures are not yet available)

School status	Provisional results:			Final results:		
	Data as of 10:45AM on 5 th July 2016			Data as of 3:45PM on 5 th July 2016		
	Number of schools	% of all schools	% of known	Number of schools	% of all schools	% of known
Open	11,566	52.7%	65.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Partially open	3,827	17.4%	21.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Closed	2,245	10.2%	12.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total known	17,638	80.3%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	100%
Not known	4,319	19.7%	-	N/A	N/A	-
All schools	21,957	100.0%	-	21,957	100%	-

Source: DfE

Notes about these data

1. The collection covered all state funded schools and non-maintained special schools in England.
2. The percentage figures have been rounded to one decimal place.
3. Abbreviations used in the tables: Local Authority (LA), Not available – data yet to be collected (N/A).