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## 1. Information: higher education registration conditions

As part of a package of wide ranging reforms relating to the regulation of higher education, the Office for Students (OfS) has published a [consultation](#) on monetary penalties that can be applied where there is a breach of ongoing registration conditions. The consultation closes on 9 February 2018.

## 2. Information: s251 outturn 2016 to 2017

We've published the data for the [s251 Outturn 2016 to 2017](#) on GOV.UK.

The [local authority and school expenditure 2016 to 2017 statistical financial release \(SFR\) data](#) was published on 14 December.

### **3. Reminder: spring school census 2018**

The [spring school census 2018](#) begins on Thursday, 18 January. The deadline for approved submissions is Wednesday, 14 February and the database will be closed to amendments from schools and local authorities on Wednesday 14 March.

A 'beta' release of the 2018 spring school census live COLLECT blade is now available via [secure access](#) for you to become familiar with. This will remain available until 4pm on Friday, 12 January at which point the blade will be removed and cleared out in advance of the start of the live collection on Thursday, 18 January.

The school census guide for the 2017 to 2018 academic year is available on the [school census website](#).

### **4. Information: keeping children safe in education consultation**

DfE has published a [consultation](#) on proposed changes to statutory safeguarding guidance. The consultation closes on 22 February.

DfE intends to publish revised guidance – for information to help you plan for any changes – in early summer 2018. The revised guidance will come into force in early September 2018.

### **5. Information: advice covering sexual violence and sexual harassment between children**

DfE has published advice on [sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges](#).

The advice includes descriptions of sexual violence and sexual harassment, the important role preventive education can play and effective safeguarding practice to manage reports of sexual violence and sexual harassment.

We expect the advice will be especially useful for designated safeguard leads and their deputies.

### **6. Information: authority proforma tool (APT) guide 2018 to 2019**

We released the final 2018 to 2019 authority proforma tool (APT) on 14 December via the Document Exchange within the ESFA's Information Exchange. To access Document Exchange you will need to log in to the [Secure Access Portal](#). An email was sent to local authorities with the password to open their APT. If you have not received this e-mail please contact [APTsubmissions.QUESTIONS@education.gov.uk](mailto:APTsubmissions.QUESTIONS@education.gov.uk).

We'll upload the APT to the data collection portal on 21 December and still want all submissions via the portal by 19 January 2018. We do not expect returns to be made via DocEx.

We've also updated the APT 2018 to 2019 [instructions for local authorities](#) and published the [schools block dataset 2018 to 2019 technical specification](#).

## 7. Information: technical consultation on insolvency regime for further education and sixth form colleges launched

DfE have launched a [technical consultation on the insolvency regime for further education and sixth form colleges in England and Wales](#).

The Technical and Further Education Act 2017 has already set out the main framework for the insolvency regime. It will apply aspects of normal company insolvency law to further education and sixth form college corporations. It also introduces a special administration regime which is designed to protect the interests of learners in the event of a college becoming insolvent.

This consultation seeks views on the technical detail of the insolvency regime that will be included in secondary legislation. It sets out proposals as to how colleges at risk of or in insolvency will be dealt with in practice. Such cases of insolvency are expected to be rare, and the consultation also outlines plans to further improve the monitoring and support available to colleges where they are in financial difficulty.

The consultation will run until 12 February 2018.

## 8. Information: school revenue funding settlement: 2018 to 2019

The 2018 to 2019 schools revenue funding settlement was announced on 19 December 2017, in a [written ministerial statement](#). This sets out the details for the dedicated schools grant (DSG), education services grant, and pupil premium.

### 8.1 DSG

We've published the details for the [DSG in 2018 to 2019](#), in the following documents:

- Conditions of grant, including payment dates
- Technical note
- Allocations tables
- Pupil number tool

The schools block is allocated on the basis of the [schools block units of funding, and actual costs for premises, growth and mobility](#), announced in September 2017.

The new central school services block is allocated on the [per-pupil rates and historic commitments](#), announced in September 2017.

The high needs block is based on the [high needs national funding formula](#), announced in September 2017.

The early years block is allocated using the [early years funding rates and calculations](#), announced on 17 November 2017.

### 8.2 Pupil premium

We've also published the [pupil premium conditions of grant for 2018 to 2019](#).

The rates per pupil for the pupil premium for 2018 to 2019 are maintained at their current rates. The rate for pupil premium plus for looked after children and children adopted from care will increase to £2,300 per pupil in 2018 to 2019.

### 8.3 Other grant funding

The grant for universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) continues at a meal rate of £2.30 for the 2018 to 2019 academic year. Further details will be available in 2018.

The year 7 catch-up premium continues in financial year 2018 to 2019. Further details will be available in 2018.

The primary PE and sport premium continues in academic year 2018 to 2019 at the current level of £320 million per year. Further details will be available in 2018. ESFA will continue to advise schools on sustainable and effective ways to use the premium.

The school improvement monitoring and brokering grant continues in academic year 2018 to 2019 at £50 million per year. £30 million will be allocated in September 2018, and £20 million in April 2019.

The grant for extended rights to home to school transport will continue in financial year 2018 to 2019. Further details will be available in 2018.

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