Part of COVID-19: relaxing lockdown on educational and care settings

Guidance
Reducing numbers on educational and care settings

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Summary of the latest changes

To help reduce the burden on educational and care settings, the Department for Education (DfE) has temporarily suspended many of its data collections, data collection services and exports. An ongoing review of the list in training years and the latest updates will be made available on this webpage.

Data collections which will continue

Collection title	Deliverers	Further information
16 to 19 grant returns	Local authorities	None
16 to 19 learner data (ILR) monthly monitoring form	Post 16 providers	Collection opened in October
2021 Local authority data collection	Local authorities	Collection opened 4 October
2021/22 Fraud organisation	Post 16 providers with the 16 to 19 bursary fund (vulnerable bursary)	Collection due to go live in early 2021
Care and health survey	Local authorities	Collection opened 3 December, with an extended deadline
Academies accounts return	Academy trusts	Collection opened in November
Academies capital grant payment and monitoring	Academies	Collection opened with the end of September deadline
Academies financial statement collection	Academy trusts	Collection opened in November
Academies and academy trusts financial notifications (AFN)	Academies	Collection opened with the end of September deadline
Academy trust annual accounts collection	Academy trusts	Collection opened in November
Academy trust financial returns (AFR)	Academy trusts	Collection to continue but with the deadline postponed
Academy trust financial returns (AFR) (Welsh)	Welsh government agency and academy trusts	
Active travel to school survey	PE, schools and local authorities	None
Adoption agencies annual survey 2020	Local authorities	Collection to open on 07 January 2021
Alternative provision free school meals	Alternative provision schools	Collection to open in October to allow for a longer deadline
Annual financial analysis of maintained schools	Reporting accountants	Collection opened in November
Apprenticeship assessment (APSS) 2021	Schools and colleges	Collection opened on 7 January 2021
Assessment of teaching school, SCITT and NCTL provider	Schools	Planned opening is 8pm, opened on 8 pm, with the closing date of 5 pm on 11 January
Establishment financial management and governance review (EFMGR)	Schools and colleges	None
Authority profile form	Local authorities	Collection opened on 18 December
Authority school fund (AFS) (BFSS)	Local authorities	Collection opened on 18 December
Capacity and demand survey	Post 16 providers	Collection opened on 7 December
Capital spend survey	Local authorities and academy trusts	Timeline will be extended by 2020 to the first week of the spring term 2021 to allow for the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
Children in need (CIN) census	Local authorities	Collection continued but with the deadline postponed
Children looked after (CLA) and care leavers (SSDA903) return	Local authorities	Collection opened on 18 December but with the deadline extended
Children's social care workforce (CSWF) survey	Local authorities	Collection opened in December
Children's social care workforce (CSWF) census	Local authorities	Collection opened on 7 January 2021
Academy and free school meals eligibility	Schools and colleges	None
Early years census (EYC)	Local authorities and early years providers	Planned opening is 8pm, opened on 8 pm, with the closing date of 5 pm on 11 January
Early years setting form	Local authorities	Collection opened on 18 December
Early years staffing form	Local authorities	Collection opened on 18 December
Education and training statistics for UK (LFS)	Local authorities	Collection to open on 07 January 2021
European social fund supplementary data collection	Post 16 providers	Collection opened 7 December
European social fund supplementary data collection (2017)	Post 16 providers	Collection opened on 7 December
External spell return	Higher education providers (HESA) and alternative providers (ALPs)	Collection to open on 07 January 2021
FE business survey	Post 16 providers	Collection opened on 7 December
FE business survey (Welsh)	Welsh government agency and academy trusts	
FE pathways profiles	Higher education providers (HESA) and alternative providers (ALPs)	Collection also opened with the end of October deadline. Collection opened on 7 December
FE business survey (Welsh)	Welsh government agency and academy trusts	Collection opened in October
Key stage (standardised) assessment phase	Local authorities	Collection opened in November
Local authority (LA) and school workforce (SWF) census	Local authorities and schools	Collection opened with the end of September deadline
Local authority (LA) and school workforce (SWF) census (Welsh)	Welsh local authorities	
Local authority (LA) and school workforce (SWF) pupil and teacher (PLT)	Devolved	Collection opened with the end of September deadline
Local authority education and training (LET) monitoring	All providers for 16 to 19 funding	Collection to open on 07 July, with a closing date of 31 December
Local authority bank to the Yellow Hammer	Local authorities	Return to be refaced to minimal statistics
Local authority school fund (LASF)	Local authorities	Collection opened on 8 July
Local authority statistics collection (LAS)	Local authorities	Collection opened on 7 January 2021
National Council for Educational Excellence (NCEE) payments and exercises	Schools and FE providers	Collection opened on 8 July
National pupil database (NPD) applications consortium	All providers for 16 to 19 funding	Collection to open on 07 July
Physical capacity (PCAP) survey 2021	Local authorities	Collection to open on 07 January 2021
Qualified teacher status (QTS) award exercise	Training providers	None
Regional school capacity (RSC) data collection	Schools and colleges	None
Research and development (R&D) data collection (DfE) 2021	Academies and trusts	Opened in July
School or college staff survey (Department for Education) 2021	Schools and colleges	None
School performance tables collection	Local authorities	Collection opened on 7 January 2021
School pupil and school workforce (SPSW) census (Welsh)	Welsh local authorities	
School pupil and school workforce (SPSW) census (DfE) 2021	Local authorities and academy trusts	Collection to open on 07 January 2021
School pupil and school workforce (SPSW) pupil and teacher (PLT) 2021	Local authorities and academy trusts	Collection to open on 07 January 2021
School sector financial forecast (SSFF) 2021	Schools (regional and local authorities)	Collection opened on 7 December
Independent schools (IS) 2021	Independent schools	Collection opened on 7 December
School workforce census (SWC) 2021	Local authorities	None
Secondary school admissions (SSA) 2021	Local authorities	Collection to open on 7 January 2021
SEND and AP survey 2021	Local authorities	None
Sixth form colleges (SFC) 2021	Sixth form colleges	Collection opened on 7 January 2021
Survey of teaching in Welsh schools	Welsh local authorities	
Survey of teaching in Welsh schools (Welsh)	Welsh local authorities	
Teacher pension scheme employer's return	Local authorities	Collection to go live in January 2021

Data collections and services which were cancelled for the 2019 to 2020 academic or financial year

Collection title	Deliverers	Further information
Adopted from care pilot evaluation (APEX)	Adoption agencies	Collection ended at the end of March 2020
Adoption support fund (ASF) survey	Adoption support voluntary sector	Collection discontinued in 2020
Early years foundation stage profile (EYFP) (EYFSP)	Local authorities and schools	Collection did not take place in summer term 2020
Early years quality improvement support programme (EYQISP)	Local authorities	Collection cancelled in summer term 2020
Education and training statistics for UK (LFS)	Local authorities	Collection did not take place in summer term 2020
Fostering statistics return	Local authorities	Collection ended at the end of March 2020
Independent living arrangements for care leavers survey	Local authorities	Collection cancelled in summer term 2020
Information about a school's workforce	Educational settings	The database will remain open
Initial teacher training (ITT) census	Training providers	None
Local authority (LA) and school workforce (SWF) pupil and teacher (PLT)	Local authorities	Collection opened on 8 January 2020
Local authority school fund (LASF)	Local authorities	Collection opened on 8 January 2020
Local authority statistics (LAS)	Local authorities	Collection opened on 7 January 2020
Local authority workforce (LAW)	Local authorities	Collection opened on 7 January 2020
Pupil referral unit (PRU) and other education provision (OEP)	Local authorities	None
Research and development (R&D) data collection (DfE) 2020	Academies and trusts	None
School or college staff survey (Department for Education) 2020	Schools and colleges	None
School performance tables collection	Local authorities	Collection opened on 7 January 2020
School pupil and school workforce (SPSW) census (DfE) 2020	Local authorities and academy trusts	Collection to open on 07 January 2020
School pupil and school workforce (SPSW) pupil and teacher (PLT) 2020	Local authorities and academy trusts	Collection to open on 07 January 2020
School sector financial forecast (SSFF) 2020	Schools (regional and local authorities)	Collection opened on 7 December
Independent schools (IS) 2020	Independent schools	Collection opened on 7 December
School workforce census (SWC) 2020	Local authorities	None
Secondary school admissions (SSA) 2020	Local authorities	Collection opened on 7 January 2020
SEND and AP survey 2020	Local authorities	None
Sixth form colleges (SFC) 2020	Sixth form colleges	Collection opened on 7 January 2020
Teacher pension scheme employer's return	Local authorities	Collection to go live in January 2020

Data collections and services which are cancelled for the 2020 to 2021 academic or financial year

Collection title	Deliverers	Further information
Autumn sufficiency exercise	Local authorities	Collection cancelled, replaced by a sufficiency duty from December 2020
Children and early years provision survey	Early years providers (private, voluntary and independent nurseries, childminders and independent providers)	Collection cancelled, replaced by a survey of childcare providers
Children's social care pilot survey	Parents, carers and families	Collection cancelled, replaced by a children's social care transition survey
Early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Key stage 1 (KS1) assessment 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Key stage 2 (KS2) reading test assessment 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Key stage 2 (KS2) grammar, punctuation and spelling test assessment 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Key stage 2 (KS2) teacher assessment framework assessment 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Key stage 2 (KS2) teacher assessment moderation 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Key stage 2 (KS2) pupil questionnaire 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Key stage 2 (KS2) administration system 2021	Local authorities and schools	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
National pupil database (NPD) – Individual pupil data collection	Local authorities	Collection cancelled, replaced by a survey of children's social care
Pupil referral unit (PRU) and other education provision (OEP) 2021	Local authorities	Collection cancelled, the scheme not taking place in 2021
Research and development (R&D) data collection (DfE) 2021	Academies and trusts	To enable academies to claim back money, only
Property business form 2 (PBF2) – Local authority (LA) and academy trust (AT) to provide a return on a school or college's property and lease agreement	Academies and trusts	None
Provisional absence and exclusion data collection (PAEDC)	Academies and trusts	None
Request for a teacher to work in HM Forces	Independent schools, academies and trusts	None
Best practice in engaging parents survey	BPN, academies, academies and trusts, local authorities	None
Survey of the learning of free school meals pupils during coronavirus (COVID-19)	Independent educational providers, independent special schools, academies and trusts, local authorities	None
Teaching assistants survey	Training providers	None

Data collections and services which are unchanged

Tracking school attendance and extent of education data collections. Schools. Contact local authority school attendance officers.

Annex: Why data collections were paused or cancelled

Data collections were cancelled or paused across many areas they were covered by any of these principles.

Principle A

The information is essential for DfE to make decisions or 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. It supplies guidance or business continuity. This includes essential data that is required:

- for ensuring a payment to an institution or supplier (for example, maintained schools, for example, using data already held)
- for a legal or statutory purpose
- by law and where legislation does not allow for a relaxation or the collection of this information or where there is no alternative method, for example, using data already held
- where there is a statutory duty on local governmental accounts and to provide financial assurance to the National Audit Office (NAO)
- 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 external bodies), or the information cannot be reasonably estimated from other data already collected.

Principle D

Staff are likely to break (where they would not otherwise need to) to collate information or to enter data into the system, for example, to support recovery, and principles A and B do not apply.

We have also paused or revised data collections that are not related to coronavirus. DfE is making every effort to ensure that the remaining mandatory data collections, processed, and that these are designed and coordinated to minimise respondent burden. We will review the remaining data collections and services to ensure they are designed to the greatest extent possible to help DfE respond to our users' needs.

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