



Department
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Dear Headteacher,

2025 Key Stage 2 (KS2) September Checking Exercise

The 2025 Key Stage 2 September Checking Exercise will **open on Monday 8 September 2025 and close at 5:00pm on Friday 19 September 2025.**

You can access the 2025 KS2 September checking exercise in the Check Your Performance Measures Data (CYPMD) portal [here](#).

Supporting Information

We are making the 2025 KS2 September Checking Exercise guidance available now to help you prepare in advance of the checking exercise opening. This guidance can now be accessed [here](#).

Changes Since 2024

There have been some changes to the 2025 KS2 September checking exercise:

- the KS2 September CSV files have been improved to help you interpret your school data
- the 'Child missing education' pupil removal category has been updated to reflect current legislation
- the process for submitting your school's 'full return summary' on the CYPMD portal has changed. There are now prompts and clearer wording within the CYPMD portal to provide further clarity on when and how a 'full return summary' should be submitted, if applicable. Schools will also receive an email confirmation when the 'full return summary' has been completed. Please refer to the 'How to' guide or the video walkthroughs for step-by-step instructions which will be made available on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) prior to the checking exercise opening.

To assist schools with their participation in the 2025 KS2 September checking exercise we shared the [2024 KS2 September Checking Exercise Requests Summary](#) in April. This summarises the requests submitted during the 2024 KS2 September Checking Exercise, alongside common reasons why some amendment requests could not be accepted.

Information on how performance measures are calculated can be found here: [Primary school accountability - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

CYPMD Portal

The CYPMD portal will be accessed using a DfE Sign-in account. This is the same secure sign-in system used by many DfE services. Details on how to create an account can be found [here](#).

If you encounter any difficulties creating a DfE Sign-in account or have forgotten your login details, please go to this contact form: [DfE Sign-in \(education.gov.uk\)](#). **The CYPMD Helpline cannot assist users with DfE Sign-in account creation or login queries.**

CYPMD Help Centre

You should always refer to the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) if you need advice or have a query. The CYPMD Help Centre will display information and guidance which may answer your query and will inform you what action you should take if you need to raise an enquiry.

CYPMD Communications

Further information about the KS2 checking exercises will be sent to all headteachers so please check your headteacher contact details are correct on '[Get information about schools](#)' (GIAS).

Following feedback received from stakeholders, for 2025 additional users of the CYPMD service can sign up to receive communication notifications.

If additional people within your school would like to receive future communications about the CYPMD service, they can opt-in by [sending a message](#) and selecting the option 'I want to sign up to receive CYPMD email updates'.

If you have any other queries, you can visit the [CYPMD Help Centre](#).

Yours faithfully

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