



19 March 2026

Dear Headteacher/Principal,

**Check Your Performance Measures Data (CYPMD): 2025 16 to 18  
Retention Data**

**Publication details**

16 to 18 retention measures will be published at **9:30am** on **Thursday 26 March 2026** here: [Compare school and college performance data in England](#).

**Early access to publication data:**

You can now view your school or college's 16 to 18 retention data, in advance of publication on the [16 to 18 Checking Exercise Portal](#). Missing late results have been included in the retention data for some schools and colleges. These additional results have affected the value added models, which means some of your value added data may have been updated.

**This information is being provided to you in advance, in confidence and on the condition that it is not released to other persons outside of your school or college before 9:30am on Thursday 26 March 2026.**

The retention measures are based on learning aims collected through the Autumn School Census or the Autumn Individualised Learner Record (ILR14) and exam results collected from awarding organisations. More information on how retention measures are calculated can be found in the [16 to 18 Accountability Headline Measures Technical Guidance](#).

You can also access the 16 to 18 CSV file guidance on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) which will help you interpret your school or college data.

Schools and colleges should have ensured that aims information was recorded correctly in Autumn School Census and ILR14.

No amendments are required or will be accepted to this data.

## **16 to 18 checking exercise portal access**

The **16 to 18 Checking Exercise Portal** can 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 Communications**

Further information about the checking exercises and data shares will be sent to all headteacher/principals so please check your headteacher/principal contact details are correct on '**[Get Information about Schools](#)**' (GIAS).

If additional people within your school or college 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'.

## **Enquiries**

If you have any queries, you can visit the **[CYPMD Help Centre](#)** or contact the CYPMD help centre by **[sending a message](#)**.

Yours faithfully

Department for Education