

2025 Key Stage 4 June Checking Exercise Requests Summary

63.6% (3,455) of eligible schools and colleges logged into the 2025 key stage 4 June checking exercise to check their data.

Below is a breakdown of the cases requested during the 2025 key stage 4 June checking exercise. The table is sorted by lowest acceptance percentage.

We have listed common reasons why cases are unable to be accepted in each category, to assist you when making future requests - please note this list is not exhaustive.

Some common overall reasons cases were unable to be accepted are:

- relevant 3rd party/external evidence not provided within the first 6 pages of evidence submitted. Anything beyond the 6th page of evidence is not read or considered in the decision-making process
- no 3rd party/external evidence provided. Internal school narrative is not deemed to be 3rd party/external evidence but is counted towards the 6-page evidence limit
- 3rd party/external evidence provided, but situation described does not meet the criteria specified in the checking exercise guidance

Pupil amendment category	Total cases	Number of cases accepted	Number of cases rejected	% of cases accepted	% of cases rejected	Common reasons cases are unable to be accepted
Dual registration/Moved school	365	16	349	4.4%	95.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no corresponding 'add request' from other school/college during the KS4 June checking exercise (corresponding add requests will not be accepted outside of the June checking exercise) • pupil has moved to a non-published KS4 school/college
Social care involvement - including police/prison	1,214	75	1,139	6%	94%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no 3rd party/external evidence provided from social services, police or other professional body. (this evidence must be provided, narrative alone from a school/college is not acceptable) • 3rd party/external evidence not dated before the start of exams and/or not dated in 2025 • 3rd party/external evidence provided does not confirm that the pupil has been subject to a situation that has had a severe and profound effect on their ability to access education and/or sit exams

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Terminal/Critical illness	794	67	727	8.4%	91.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no 3rd party/external medical evidence provided to confirm the severity and the impact an illness/condition/injury has had on the pupil's education (this evidence must be provided, narrative alone from a school/college is not acceptable) • 3rd party/external medical evidence provided does not demonstrate that the pupil's ability to access education and/or sit exams has been severely and profoundly affected due to the pupil's illness/condition/injury • no 3rd party/external medical evidence dated in 2025 and before the commencement of exams, therefore no understanding of the ongoing effect the illness/condition/injury has had/is having on the pupil's ability to access education/sit exams
Elective home education	268	71	197	26.5%	73.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence provided does not confirm the school/college informed the local authority of the pupil's removal before the 2025 Spring (January) census day • pupil left school/college after 2025 spring (January) census day • no explanation was provided as to why the pupil was still showing on the school/college 2025 Spring (January) census despite being educated at home
Admitted following permanent exclusion	158	50	108	31.6%	68.4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no evidence provided confirming the permanent exclusion from the previous school • pupil was admitted to importing school before 1 September 2023 • pupil was excluded from previous school before 1 September 2023 • no exclusion date provided • validation checks on National Pupil Database confirm that the pupil had been permanently excluded before 1 September 2023 • exclusion date is unclear

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Child missing education	121	44	77	36.4%	63.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence provided does not confirm the date pupil was removed from school/college roll • evidence provided confirmed the pupil's whereabouts were known and therefore they were not missing • evidence does not confirm the date the local authority was informed of the pupil being removed from the school/college roll • evidence does not detail the local authorities or school/college's reasonable enquiries undertaken to ascertain the pupil's whereabouts
Add-back removal	260	147	113	56.5%	43.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no local authority off-roll notification provided • pupil has moved to a school or college which doesn't publish KS4 performance measures • the DfE number of new school or college not provided • criteria for the removal categories 'Permanently left England' and 'Admitted from abroad with English not first language' were not met (see relevant section for rejection reasons)
Permanently left England	269	173	96	64.3%	35.7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pupil left England after the start of the exam period • no local authority off-roll notification provided
Permanently excluded from current school	117	79	38	67.5%	32.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence provided demonstrates the pupil was permanently excluded after the 2025 Spring (January) census day • proof of permanent exclusion not provided, therefore unable to determine date of exclusion or DfE number of the school the pupil moved to • no explanation as to why the pupil was included in the 2025 Spring (January) census when they had been permanently excluded

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Admitted from abroad with English not first language	5,127	4,693	434	91.5%	8.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pupil's first admission to a school/college in England was before 1 September 2022, and no exceptional circumstances were evidenced • pupil has KS2 results in an English school • census data confirms pupil's first language is English • pupil has arrived from a country where English is an official language
Inclusion	228	215	13	94.3%	5.7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no corresponding 'removal request' from other school
Year group change	349	340	9	97.4%	2.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pupil has already been published at end of key stage 4 and cannot be published again • pupils cannot 'skip' year 11 • the National Pupil Database check, or evidence provided, does not confirm pupil has previously been reported at end of KS4 therefore pupil could not be removed
Not on roll at the time of January census	328	328	0	100%	0%	all requests in 2025 were accepted
Merge pupil	35	35	0	100%	0%	all requests in 2025 were accepted
Deceased	26	26	0	100%	0%	all requests in 2025 were accepted
Total	9,659	6,359	3,300	65.8%	34.2%	