



Department
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Dear Headteacher/Principal,

2026 Check Your Performance Measures Data (CYPMD) Service

We are writing to provide you with important information about the CYPMD service, including changes and improvements for 2026, insights from the 2025 exercises and new documents providing tips on the information/evidence required for pupil removal requests.

Checking Exercise Timings

The schedule for the 2026 school and college checking exercises will follow similar timescales to previous years as follows:

- Key stage 4 (KS4) June Checking Exercise - June 2026
- Key stage 2 (KS2) September Checking Exercise - September 2026
- KS4 Autumn Checking exercise - October 2026
- 16 to 19¹ Autumn Checking Exercise - October 2026

CYPMD Help Centre and Portal Links

The [CYPMD Help Centre](#) is the main source of information for the CYPMD service. Here you can find links for the CYPMD portals which you will need to access for the 2026 checking exercises and data shares:

[KS2 CYPMD Portal](#)

[KS4 CYPMD Portal](#)

[16 to 19 CYPMD Portal](#)

[Results Enquiries Portal](#) – remains open from 2026 Autumn checking exercises until early 2027

The [CYPMD Help Centre](#) will also be updated on a regular basis to provide important information for schools and colleges regarding the 2026 checking exercises and data shares.

In advance of each checking exercise or data share opening, the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) will have all the guidance your school or college will need to check your data. You should read

¹ We are now referring to '16 to 19' performance measures rather than the current '16 to 18'. This is to better align with terminology used elsewhere by the department.

all associated guidance that we provide in full **before** you check your school or college data and request any amendments.

We are asking you to check the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) regularly for updates and save this link to your favourites for future ease of access.

2025 Checking Exercise Requests Outcomes

To help schools and colleges submit appropriate amendment requests during the 2026 checking exercises we have summarised the requests submitted during the 2025 checking exercises, alongside common reasons why some amendment requests could not be accepted. This information is now available on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#):

[2025 KS4 June Checking Exercise Requests Summary](#)

[2025 KS2 September Checking Exercise Requests Summary](#)

[2025 KS4 Autumn Checking Exercise Requests Summary](#)

[2025 16 to 18 Autumn Checking Exercise Requests Summary](#)

Tips for 2026 Pupil Removal Requests

We have considered feedback from schools and colleges for greater transparency on the decision-making process. We have produced two new documents setting out tips and visual examples of the key evidence we require. The documents focus on the pupil removal categories that either had a low acceptance rate in the 2025 KS4 June or KS2 September checking exercises or where further clarification on information/evidence requirements would be helpful. This information is also now available on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#):

[2026 KS4 June Pupil Removal Requests: Tips for Schools and Colleges](#)

[2026 KS2 September Pupil Removal Requests: Tips for Schools](#)

Key Stage 4 and 16 to 19 Results Enquiries

To further support schools and colleges when raising results enquiries in 2026 we have carried out an analysis of the results enquiries submitted in 2025. Our analysis includes information on some of the common issues that we found. The analysis is now available on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#):

2025 Summary of Results Enquiries Outcomes

2026 Improvements

Each year we use feedback from stakeholders to improve the CYPMD service. We are planning to make improvements in 2026 to the 'full return summary' when requesting pupil amendments, so it is clearer that this is the final submission. We will share full information on changes when we write to you again about specific checking exercises.

How You Can Help

To improve your experience of the CYPMD service you should consider the following advice:

- if you have not already done so, or if additional people within your school or college would like to receive future communications **you/they can sign-up** to receive CYPMD communications by **sending a message** to the **CYPMD Help Centre** and selecting 'option 1'
- further information about the 2026 checking exercises and data shares will be sent to all school and college headteachers and principals, **so your headteacher/principal contact details must be correct** on '**Get information about schools**' (GIAS)

In addition to the advice shared above, we are also carrying out user research on the redevelopment of the CYPMD service, if you or a colleague would like to participate you can sign up here: **CYPMD Participation Form – Fill in form**

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please visit the **CYPMD Help Centre**.

Yours faithfully

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