



Check Your Performance Measures Data (CYPMD)

2026 KS2 September checking exercise

**Guidance for all state funded primary
schools**

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Summary

It is very important that you read this guidance document carefully.

This guidance is from the Department for Education (DfE) and is non-statutory. It has been produced to help state funded mainstream primary and special schools understand their responsibilities in relation to the school checking exercises.

In this guidance:

- where we refer to the KS2 tests, these were from Monday 11 May 2026 to Thursday 14 May 2026. Please see here: [Primary assessments: future dates - GOV.UK](#) for confirmation
- where we refer to the 2026 spring census day, this was 15 January 2026. Please see here: [Census Dates Guidance](#) for further information
- where we use the term 'checking exercise', we mean the 2026 KS2 September Checking Exercise

Who is this guidance for?

This guidance is for:

- school leaders, school staff and governing bodies in all state funded primary schools (maintained schools, academies and free schools)
- special schools (maintained schools, academies and free schools)

Expiry or review date

This guidance will next be reviewed ahead of the 2027 checking exercise.

Introduction

The DfE publish school performance measures each year. The publication of performance measures provides an easily accessible source of comparative information on attainment and progress in schools.

For the 2025/26 academic year we will return to publishing primary progress measures.

The 2025/26 KS2 performance measures will report achievements of pupils that have completed their KS2 studies in the 2025/26 academic year.

We will also be sharing school level KS2 data with Ofsted and DfE regional directors to support school improvement and as one piece of information to inform broader discussions on school performance.

Schools are asked to check we have the correct pupils listed at the end of KS2 as part of this checking exercise.

Amendments made to correct your pupil level data during this checking exercise will increase the accuracy of your revised KS2 performance data. You will have sight of the revised performance measures data in December.

Further information on how KS2 performance measures are calculated can be found here: [Primary school accountability measures](#).

Changes since 2025

1. Circumstances surrounding the 'Child missing education' pupil removal category have been updated to reflect current legislation. Page 14 of this guidance provides further information.
2. The process for submitting your school's 'full return summary' during this checking exercise has been improved. There are now additional prompts and clearer wording within the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) to provide further clarity on when and how a 'full return summary' should be submitted (if applicable). Please refer to the 'How to' guide or the video walkthroughs for step-by-step instructions, these will be made available on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) prior to the checking exercise opening.
3. CSV files are now ordered alphabetically by surname.

Action your school needs to take

This checking exercise will open on **Monday 7 September 2026** and close at **5:00pm on Friday 18 September 2026**. You can access the checking exercise here: [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#).

You are advised to access the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) on **'day one'** of this **checking exercise**. Evidence shows us that many schools wait until the last few days of a checking exercise to do this. If you need to contact the CYPMD Helpline about your pupil data, you need to do this **as soon as possible once this checking exercise has opened** in case you are required to take any action within the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) before **5:00pm on Friday 18 September 2026**.

Your school should take the following action by 5:00pm on Friday 18 September 2026:

- **familiarise yourself with the [KS2 September Pupil Removals: Tips for schools](#)** which we shared with you in April, and the **'How to' guide or the video walkthroughs** which will be available on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) prior to this checking exercise opening. This will ensure that you fully understand the steps required to check your data and, if necessary, request amendments to your school's pupil data
- **download your school's pupil CSV file and check that we have listed the correct pupils at the end of KS2.** These checks are important to ensure the accuracy of your revised data published in December 2026
- sign out of the CYPMD portal if your school **does not** need to request any pupil amendments
- if you **do** need to request amendments to your school's pupil data, you will need to complete all pupil amendments. Please ensure that you provide the mandatory information/evidence. Further information and evidence requirements can be found throughout this guidance document
- **submit your school's 'full return summary'.** Once **your school** has made **all** individual pupil amendment requests, a 'full return summary' must be submitted
 - you should refer to the 'How to' guide or video walkthroughs, on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) to ensure that you have a full understanding of when and how the 'full return summary' is submitted **before** you complete this step
 - more than one user can request amendments to your school data. Requests can be made over different days, individual amendment requests can be edited, information/evidence can be amended

throughout the two-week checking exercise period, but **by 5pm on Friday 18 September 2026, one user** must submit **your school's** 'full return summary'

- **keep a copy of the 'full return summary' confirmation email.** Once you have submitted your school's 'full return summary' you will receive a confirmation email. If this confirmation email has not been received within 24 hours of the submission of your school's 'full return summary' please **send a message** to the CYPMD Helpline
 - if your school's 'full return summary' **is not** submitted, your individual pupil amendment requests will not be visible and therefore cannot be considered
 - once your school's 'full return summary' has been submitted, your school **will no longer** be able to request any further amendments to your data or amend any requests already made

If you have any enquiries about KS2 results or reviews, please contact STA by email at assessments@education.gov.uk or by telephone on 0300 303 3013. The CYPMD helpline cannot assist with these queries.

CYPMD Help Centre

The [CYPMD Help Centre](#) is the main source of information for the CYPMD service.

In advance of the checking exercise opening, the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) will have all the guidance you will need to check your pupil data. You should read all associated guidance that we provide in full **before** you check your school's data and, if necessary, request any pupil amendments.

You should save the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) to your favourites for future ease of access.

Closed schools

To ensure that the correct institution is held accountable for a particular year's performance measures, results are attributed to whatever the institution was at the beginning of that academic year. To take account of differing start of term dates, we treat the beginning of an academic year as 12 September.

If a school closed and reopened, retaining their original 7-digit LA Establishment number, in most cases we class these as a continuing school. If a school closed and reopened with a new LA Establishment number, we class these as a 'fresh start' for accountability purposes.

Pupils included in the calculation of KS2 data

Your school's KS2 cohort consists of every pupil registered for 2026 KS2 tests at your school. All pupils who have achieved valid test results in reading and maths and a valid teacher assessment in writing are in the cohort. The list also includes any other pupil whose name was on the test attendance register but marked with the relevant test attendance code indicating why they did not take the test (including those working below the standard of the tests and assessed using pre-key stage standards or the engagement model).

Checking your school's pupil list

You can view and download a CSV file in the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) to check the pupils attributed to your school.

If there is no data to share with a school there will be no CSV file links displayed on the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#).

The pupil CSV file contains **all** pupils at the end of KS2. This file may also contain pupils **who are not** included in the calculation of performance measures, for example pupils who are not at the end of KS2 and have results in some assessments but not in others.

We have made further improvements to this CSV file. It is now ordered by surname alphabetically, this will make it easier for you to locate a particular pupil.

We recommend you download and check your CSV file before you request any pupil amendments.

You will be able to access the 'KS2 September CSV file guidance' document on the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) prior to this checking exercise opening, to help you interpret the CSV file.

If you do not need to request the removal of a pupil during this checking exercise, you can skip to page 21 of this guidance document.

Pupil removal requests and information/evidence requirements

Each pupil removal category contained in this guidance requires some information or evidence to be provided to support a request. Evidence or information requirements are reviewed annually to ensure they remain appropriate for each removal category and that their collation is reasonable for schools.

For 2026, we have produced **a new document** that focuses on the pupil removal categories that either had a low acceptance rate or were identified as benefiting from further clarification on information/evidence requirements. If you wish to request the removal of a pupil, **we strongly recommend** that you read the **KS2 September Pupil Removals: Tips for schools** document **before** you make any pupil removal requests.

Information/Evidence

All requests and information/evidence must be submitted by **5.00pm on Friday 18 September 2026**. To increase the likelihood of a pupil removal request being accepted, we have listed below examples of best practice when providing information/evidence for a request (when applicable):

Do:

- provide information/evidence in **PDF format**, other file types are not supported
- use the 'free text box' within the **KS2 Checking Exercise Portal** to briefly describe the pupil's circumstances/situation, rather than doing this within your 6-page information/evidence limit. The evidence should support the narrative, circumstances or situation described in the free text box
- ensure that the information/evidence provided is clear and concise and **meets the criteria** described in the relevant pupil removal category
- ensure that the information/evidence **meets the date requirements** stipulated in the pupil removal category (where applicable)
- ensure that supporting documentation is from third party/external sources where appropriate to the case, for example social workers, LA, medical professionals or police

✗ Do not:

- request pupil amendments during a checking exercise unless the pupil's circumstances **meet the criteria** of a pupil amendment category. This will avoid unnecessary burdens on your valuable time
- provide information/evidence of **more than 6** pages. Anything more than 6 pages will not be read.
- compare decisions received on a particular pupil amendment request with other requests, as each request is considered on a case-by-case basis

We have comprehensive moderation processes in place to ensure that all decisions made are fair and consistent. We will consider all pupil amendment requests and the supporting information/evidence provided (up to 6 pages) before a final decision is made.

As part of the moderation process, we may also carry out internal data checks.

The DfE decision is final, and due to the volume of pupil amendments we receive, we are unable to provide individual feedback to schools on decisions.

Pupil removal categories

There may be exceptional circumstances where you feel it is appropriate to request amendments to the pupils included in the calculation of your school's performance measures.

Requests will not be accepted in the following circumstances:

- a pupil suffered short term illness (for example, if the pupil has suffered from a viral infection and has been absent from school for up to a month)
- a pupil suffered short term illness and failed to sit all or some tests
- a pupil is on roll but receiving home tuition/remote learning
- the request is related to a pupil's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- a pupil is a non-attender¹
- a pupil is from a traveller family
- a pupil is working below the level of the tests
- a school has been impacted by RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete), as a school should now have arrangements in place so that all pupils access education and sit tests

¹ non-attendance includes any absence unless for reasons of long-term illness

Please click on a category to be taken to the information/evidence requirements:

- [Admitted following permanent exclusion](#)
- [Admitted from abroad with English not first language](#)
- [Child missing education](#)
- [Deceased](#)
- [Elective home education](#)
- [One or more end-of-key stage assessments deferred by a year](#)
- [Permanently excluded from current school](#)
- [Permanently left England](#)
- [Pupil added to school roll after start of summer term](#)
- [Social care involvement including police](#)
- [Terminal/critical illness](#)

Admitted following permanent exclusion

Criteria

If your school has admitted a pupil who has been permanently excluded from another state funded school **after 1 September 2024** you can request to remove this pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures.

IMPORTANT - If you submit a request to remove a pupil who was permanently excluded **before 1 September 2024**, this request will be rejected.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. DfE number of the excluding school, and
2. Date of exclusion (this must be after 1 September 2024), and
3. Evidence that will support your request, for example letter from headteacher notifying parent/guardian of permanent exclusion.

Admitted from abroad with English not first language

Criteria

You can submit a request to remove a pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures if:

- English is not their first language, and
- English is not an official language of their country of origin, and
- their **first** admission to a school in England was **on, or after, 1 September 2023**

While we appreciate that not all children speak the official language of their country of origin, a request will be rejected if the child's country of origin reports that English is an official language, or internal data checks confirm that the pupil's first language was listed in the 2026 spring census (15 January 2026) as English.

For ease of reference, a list of countries can be accessed here: [2026 Removal Requests - Countries List](#) indicating if a request to remove a pupil who has recently arrived from abroad is likely to be accepted or rejected (subject to all other conditions being met). For tips and visual examples, please read the [KS2 September Pupil Removals: Tips for schools](#) document.

IMPORTANT - If a pupil has arrived from abroad and their first admission to a school in England was before 1 September 2023, or the pupil has been educated in more than one English school, we may also consider a request to remove a pupil under exceptional circumstances in this category.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. **Pupil's first language, and**
2. **Pupil's country of origin, and**
3. **Pupil's date of admission to your school, and**
4. **First date of admission to a school in England, and**
5. Date of arrival in England.

If you want us to consider exceptional circumstances for a pupil's removal, in addition to the mandatory information above **you will need to supply** the following additional evidence (where applicable):

6. Brief education history including names and dates of all schools attended before arrival in England (if known)
7. Education history since arrival in England – names and dates of all schools attended (if known)
8. 3rd party/external asylum, immigration or resettlement scheme documentation, for example the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme
9. Any other information/evidence to support your request.

Child missing education

Criteria

A child missing education is a child of compulsory school age who **is not registered** at a school **and is not** receiving suitable education otherwise than at a school.²

IMPORTANT – If a pupil is registered at a school, but they are persistently or severely absent from that school **they are not classed as a child missing education**. This would be classed as **non-attendance which is not grounds for removal**.

A pupil's name can only ever be deleted for a legitimate reason as set out in Regulation 9 of [The School Attendance \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulation 2024](#). Removing a pupil's name outside those grounds would be unlawful. Specific timescales are not included in guidance because the individual circumstance for each child varies.

You can submit a request to remove a pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures if a pupil has:

- **not returned following a leave of absence**, joint reasonable enquiries (by the school and LA) have failed to establish the pupil's location and circumstances or have succeeded but led the school and LA to agree that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the pupil will attend the school again, and the pupil has been deleted from roll under Ground H (regulation 9(1)(h) of the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024) after the 2026 spring census, or
- **been continually absent from school for 20 school days**, joint reasonable enquiries (by the school and LA) have failed to establish the pupil's location and circumstances or have succeeded but led the school and LA to agree that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the pupil will attend the school again, and the pupil has been deleted from roll under Ground I (regulation 9(1)(i) of the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024) after the 2026 spring census

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

² A child reaches compulsory school age on or after their fifth birthday. If they turn 5 between 1 January and 31 March, then they are of compulsory school age on 31 March. If they turn 5 between 1 April and 31 August, then they are of compulsory school age on 31 August. If they turn 5 between 1 September and 31 December, then they are of compulsory school age on 31 December. A child continues to be of compulsory school age until the last Friday of June in the school year that they reach 16.

1. Date the pupil was deleted from your roll, and
2. Evidence from the LA and school showing that they have worked jointly to conduct reasonable enquiries to ascertain the location and circumstances of the pupil, as described in the [Children missing education: statutory guidance for local authorities and schools - GOV.UK](#), including confirmation of the date the LA was informed of removal from roll. This could include a completed joint LA/school CME checklist.

Deceased

Criteria

If a pupil has sadly died, please provide the date that they were removed from your school roll.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence cannot be accepted:

1. **Date off roll.**

Elective Home Education

Criteria

If a pupil has left your school to be electively home educated **before** the start of the 2026 KS2 tests (11 May 2026), you can submit a request to remove the pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures.

IMPORTANT - If you submit a request to remove a pupil who left your school to be electively home educated after the start of the 2026 KS2 tests (11 May 2026), your request will be rejected.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. **Date the pupil was removed from your roll, and**
2. **A copy of the school's notification informing the LA of the pupil's removal from the school roll.**

One or more end-of-key stage assessments deferred by a year

Criteria

IMPORTANT - SEND pupils working below the standard of the tests or unable to access the tests cannot be removed from the cohort list.

You will need to provide confirmation from the headteacher as to why the pupil is continuing with KS2 studies. For tips and visual examples, please read the [KS2 September Pupil Removals: Tips for schools](#) document.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. Statement from the headteacher that the pupil has not reached the end of KS2 and will be assessed the following year.

Permanently excluded from current school

Criteria

If a pupil was permanently excluded from your school **before** the start of the 2026 KS2 tests (11 May 2026), you can submit a request to remove the pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures.

IMPORTANT - If you submit a request to remove a pupil who was permanently excluded after the start of the 2026 KS2 tests (11 May 2026), this request will be rejected.

Suspensions³ cannot be accepted as a reason for removing pupils from the calculation of your school's performance measures.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

- 1. Proof of permanent exclusion - headteacher notification letter to parent/guardian, and**
- 2. Date of permanent exclusion, and**
- 3. DfE number of school pupil went on to (if this is NOT known please use '0000000' for the DfE number when requesting the pupil removal within the checking exercise portal), and, if applicable**

³ The term suspension is a reference to what is described in the legislation as an exclusion for a fixed period.

4. Evidence of exclusion review outcome.

Permanently left England

Criteria

If a pupil has permanently left England **and has been removed from your school roll before** the 2026 KS2 tests (11 May 2026), you can submit a request to remove the pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures. For tips and visual examples, please read the [KS2 September Pupil Removals: Tips for schools](#) document.

IMPORTANT – If a pupil has permanently left England and has been removed from your school roll after the start of the KS2 tests (11 May 2026), this request will be rejected.

Information/evidence must contain the school's notification to the LA of the pupil's removal from roll.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. **Country the pupil has moved to, and**
2. **Off roll date, which must be before 11 May 2026, and**
3. **A copy of the school's notification informing the LA of the pupil's removal from the school roll.**

Pupil added to school roll after start of summer term

Criteria

If a pupil joined your school **on or since** the first day of summer term (for most areas this will be 13 April 2026 but may vary for schools in some areas), you can submit a request to remove them from the calculation of your school's performance measures. As part of the moderation process, we will carry out internal data checks to confirm when a pupil was placed on roll at a school.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. **Date pupil arrived at your school, and** if applicable
2. Letter from LA confirming date of entry to school, and
3. Proof of transition letters from previous school, and

4. Letter from parent confirming date starting school.

Social Care involvement - including police

Criteria

You can submit a request to remove a pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures if the pupil's circumstances fit into **one or more** of the following situations **and you can provide** the mandatory evidence. For tips and visual examples, please read the [KS2 September Pupil Removals: Tips for schools](#) document.

Social care involvement

You can request the removal of a pupil if that pupil has been involved in a recent or ongoing situation that has required social care involvement which has had a **severe and profound effect on their ability to access education and/or sit all tests**.

Schools' internal management information system reports, for example CPOMS, **are not** deemed to be 3rd party/external evidence.

Evidence from social services or other external relevant agency **must** be dated in **2026 and before commencement of tests**.

The evidence should clearly show the **circumstances and effect** the intervention/involvement from social services had on the pupil and their education.

Information/evidence requirements

IMPORTANT - 3rd party/external evidence **must** be provided, school narrative alone is not acceptable.

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. **3rd party/external evidence from social services confirming the severe and profound effect that the situation had on the pupil's ability to access education and/or sit all tests, dated in 2026 and before the commencement of the KS2 tests (11 May 2026), this could include social worker reports or multi agency meeting minutes.**

Police involvement

You can request the removal of a pupil if that pupil has been involved in a recent situation that has required police involvement and as a result there have been restrictions put in place that have affected the pupil's education, or the situation has had a severe and profound effect on the pupil's ability to access education and/or sit all tests.

Information/evidence requirements

IMPORTANT - Your request cannot be accepted without the police report.

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. **A police report detailing restrictions put in place that prevented pupil accessing education and/or sitting all tests, and, if applicable**
2. Any other evidence to support this request, for example, the effect the crime had on the pupil you wish to remove.

Terminal/Critical illness

We will reject requests to remove a pupil where these are **solely related** to a pupil's SEND status.

3rd party/external medical evidence **must** be provided from a health professional, narrative alone from a school is not acceptable.

If evidence provided from a medical professional does not meet the date requirement, the request will not be accepted.

The evidence should clearly show how the illness/injury **impacted the pupil** and their education. For tips and visual examples, please read the [KS2 September Pupil Removals: Tips for schools](#) document.

Terminal illness criteria

If a pupil has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, you can submit a request to remove the pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. **Evidence from medical professional(s) confirming that the illness is terminal.**

Critical illness criteria

If a pupil has a critical illness or condition, diagnosed or under investigation for at least 12 months before commencement of the 2026 KS2 tests (11 May 2026), that has had a **severe and profound effect on their ability to access education and/or sit all tests**, for example the need for an organ transplant, or severe and ongoing mental illness such as those with psychosis or requiring prolonged in-patient

care, you can submit a request to remove the pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. Evidence from medical professional(s), dated in 2026 and before the commencement of tests (11 May 2026), confirming pupil has been unable to access education for prolonged periods of time and/or sit all tests, and
2. Evidence from medical professional(s) confirming that the pupil has been under investigation or diagnosed with a critical illness or condition for at least 12 months before commencement of tests (11 May 2026).

Please note, in certain situations, you may be able to provide one piece of medical evidence that contains sufficient information to support points 1 and 2 above.

Recent and life changing illness or injury criteria

If a pupil has had a **recent** diagnosis of a life changing illness or injury, for example a cancer diagnosis or a limb amputation that has had a **severe and profound effect on their ability to access education and/or sit all tests**, you can submit a request to remove the pupil from the calculation of your school's performance measures.

Information/evidence requirements

All information/evidence requirements listed in bold are mandatory and **must** be provided. Cases submitted without the mandatory information/evidence will be rejected:

1. Evidence from medical professional(s), dated in 2026 and before the commencement of the 2026 KS2 tests (11 May 2026), confirming pupil has been unable to access education and/or sit all tests.

Key stage 1 results

For the 2025/26 academic year we will return to publishing KS1-KS2 primary progress measures. There will be no facility to amend KS1 data during this checking exercise.

Key stage 2 tests and assessments

The KS2 results data we use in the 2026 KS2 September checking exercise are supplied directly by the STA in early July. You can view a pupil's results data using the CSV file on the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#).

You will be able to view any late results or outcomes of reviews for your pupils on the [NCA Portal](#). The deadline for submitting marking reviews to STA is Monday 7 September and the review outcomes will be returned to schools on Wednesday 30 September.

These results will have arrived too late to be included in our calculation of figures contained in the pupil CSV file, however, they will be included in the KS2 revised data publication in December.

If you have any further enquiries about results or reviews, please contact STA by email at assessments@education.gov.uk or by telephone on 0300 303 3013. The CYPMD helpline cannot assist with these queries.

The [Submitting key stage 2 teachers assessment data guidance](#) states that 'schools must not resubmit data after Friday 26 June unless required to do so by STA or their local authority'.

If you believe you need to resubmit TA data you can contact the STA by email at assessments@education.gov.uk or by telephone on 0300 303 3013.

Further information

If you have a query regarding the pupil data contained on the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#), please visit the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) to find contact details for the CYPMD helpline or [send a message](#) to the CYPMD helpline, selecting the 'Pupil/student enquiry' option.

The CYPMD helpline cannot assist with queries regarding KS2 results, please contact STA using the contact details below.

If you have logged into the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) and encounter a technical issue, for example an issue with your school CSV file, please [send a message](#) to the CYPMD helpline selecting the 'Technical issue' option.

If you encounter any technical difficulties creating a DfE Sign-in account or have forgotten your login details, please go to this contact form: [DfE Sign-in \(education.gov.uk\)](#)

Additional guidance

Further guidance about school performance measures and accountability arrangements can be found here [Primary school accountability measures](#).

Standards and Testing Agency

Further information on KS1 and KS2 assessment and reporting arrangements can be found here: [Key stage 2: assessment and reporting arrangements \(ARA\) - GOV.UK](#).

Queries relating to the KS2 results of individual pupils should be directed to the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013 or email: assessments@education.gov.uk.

Key dates

Date	Activity
7 September 2026	This checking exercise opens here: KS2 Checking Exercise Portal .
18 September 2026	This checking exercise portal closes for submission of amendments and information/evidence. All requests, supporting information/evidence and your school's 'full return summary' must be submitted before the checking exercise closes at 5:00pm .
September 2026	National and LA level KS2 provisional performance measures available here: collection statistics for KS2 .
December 2026	2025/26 primary school performance data (revised) published. Revised national and local authority level KS2 statistics published here: explore our statistics and data .

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