



7 September 2026

Dear Headteacher,

2026 Key Stage 2 (KS2) September Checking Exercise

The 2026 KS2 September Checking Exercise is now **open and will close at 5:00pm on Friday 18 September 2026**.

You can access the checking exercise here: [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#).

This checking exercise should not be confused with the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) deadline for KS2 reviews of marking or clerical errors which has been extended to 7 September 2026. You can view any late results or outcomes of reviews for your pupils on the [NCA Portal](#). If you have any questions regarding this, please contact STA by email at assessments@education.gov.uk or by telephone on 0300 303 3013.

The KS2 results data available in the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) was supplied directly by the STA in early July. Reviews of marking or clerical errors received by STA **will not** be included in the data contained in the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#), however, they **will be** included in the KS2 revised data publication in December 2026.

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

- **familiarise yourself with the following information:**
 - [2026 KS2 September Checking Exercise Guidance](#)
 - [2026 KS2 September Pupil Removal Requests: 'Tips for Schools'](#)
 - [2026 KS2 September 'How to' Guidance](#)
 - [2026 KS2 September Video Walkthroughs](#)
 - this will ensure that you fully understand the steps required to check your school's data and, if necessary, request pupil amendments. Page 6 of the [2026 KS2 September Checking Exercise Guidance](#) provides step-by-step instructions about the action your school needs to take
- **download your school's pupil CSV file and check that we have listed the correct pupils and their results at the end of KS2.** These checks are

important to ensure the accuracy of your school's data published in December 2026. You can refer to the [2026 KS2 September Pupil CSV File Guidance](#) to help you interpret your school data

- 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
- if you think your pupil list is incorrect, please contact the CYPMD Helpline on 0300 131 2762 or visit the [CYPMD Help Centre](#)
- **sign out of the [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) if your school does not need to request any pupil amendments**
- **if necessary, complete all pupil amendment requests for your school**
 - please ensure that you provide the mandatory information/evidence as detailed in the [2026 KS2 September Checking Exercise Guidance](#)
- **submit your school's 'full return summary' once you have completed all pupil amendment requests for your school**
- **keep a copy of the 'full return summary' confirmation email**

Changes since 2025

We have made some changes and improvements to the 2026 KS2 September checking exercise, a full explanation of these changes can be found on page 5 of the [2026 KS2 September Checking Exercise Guidance](#).

- circumstances surrounding the 'Child missing education' pupil removal category have been updated to reflect current legislation
- the process for submitting your school's 'full return summary' has been improved. Please refer to the [2026 KS2 September 'How to' Guidance](#) or the [2026 KS2 September Video Walkthroughs](#) for step-by-step instructions
- CSV files are now ordered alphabetically by surname

CYPMD Portal

The [KS2 Checking Exercise 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: [DfE Sign-in](#).

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](#). The CYPMD Helpline cannot assist users with DfE Sign-in account creation or login queries.

CYPMD Help Centre

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

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.

CYPMD Communications

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

Further Enquiries

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

Yours faithfully

Department for Education