



8 September 2026

Dear Headteacher,

**2026 Key Stage 2 (KS2) September Checking Exercise – update
about low, middle and high prior attainment breakdowns**

We have found an issue with internal processes that have incorrectly assigned pupils with 8 as their KS1 average point score to the High prior attainment group (group 3). This is incorrect and they should be assigned to the Middle prior attainment group (group 2), this will be rectified in revised data and will show correctly in school level data published in December.

This does not impact pupil and school level progress scores, it only impacts the low, middle and high prior attainment breakdowns for your school.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.

The KS2 September checking exercise can be accessed here: [KS2 Checking Exercise Portal](#) and will close at 5:00pm on Friday 18 September 2026.

If you have any further enquiries, please visit the [CYPMD Help Centre](#) as this will be updated on a regular basis.

Yours faithfully

Department for Education