



Department
for Education

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Dear Headteacher/Principal,

2026 16 to 19 Autumn Checking Exercise

The 2026 16 to 19 Autumn Checking Exercise is now open here: [16 to 19 Checking Exercise Portal](#).

We strongly recommend reviewing your data on day one of this checking exercise. Early review allows sufficient time to contact the CYPMD Helpline and complete any required actions before the checking exercise closes at **5:00pm on Friday 16 October 2026**.

Your school or college should take the following action by 5:00pm on Friday 16 October 2026:

- **read the [2026 16 to 19 Autumn Checking Exercise Guidance](#) and the [2026 16 to 19 Autumn Checking Exercise 'How to' Guidance](#)**
 - page 6 of the [2026 16 to 19 Autumn Checking Exercise Guidance](#) provides step-by-step instructions about the action your school or college needs to take
- **download your student and results CSV files and check that we have listed the correct students and their results at the end of 16 to 19 study.** These checks are important to ensure the accuracy of your school or college's revised performance measures data published in early 2027. You can refer to the [2026 16 to 19 Autumn CSV Guidance](#) to help you interpret your data
 - if you think your student list is incorrect, please raise relevant student amendments to request to include or remove a student
 - if you think a student's results are missing or incorrect, please refer to the [2026 Autumn Results Enquiries Guidance](#)
 - the results enquiries portal will remain **open until early 2027**
- **view your school or college's summary performance measures data**
- **sign out** of the [Portal](#) if you **do not** need to request any student amendments, you **do not** need to take any further action or submit any confirmation

- **if you do need** to request student amendments you will need to complete all student amendments
 - **submit your school or college's 'full return summary'**
 - **keep a copy of the 'full return summary' confirmation email**

Student amendment requests or results enquiries raised during this checking exercise **cannot** be considered in time for inclusion in the provisional data available in the 16 to 19 checking exercise portal.

Results

The following results files will be shared via the [16 to 19 Checking Exercise Portal](#):

Data received from AO by	Which results CSV file will contain these results	When can you view this in the 16 to 19 Checking Exercise Portal	Which publication will these results be included in
02/09/2026	Main results CSV file	05/10/2026	Provisional (no school/college level reporting)
16/09/2026	First late results CSV file	05/10/2026	Revised
30/10/2026	November late results CSV file	Late November	Revised
03/02/2027	N/A	N/A	Final

All late results/re-marks contained in both of your late results CSV files will be included in **revised data published in early 2027**.

Results Enquiries

The results enquiries portal is separate from the main 16 to 19 Checking Exercise Portal.

Please refer to the [2026 Autumn Results Enquiries Guidance](#) for further information before you raise a results enquiry.

Within the results enquiries portal, you can raise the following results enquiries:

- missing qualification
- a result does not belong to a student
- incorrect grade (**these enquiries should only be raised after you have checked your school or college's November late results file**)

CYPMD Portals

The CYPMD portals are accessed using a DfE Sign-in account. The CYPMD Helpline cannot assist users with DfE Sign-in account creation or login queries. 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 \(education.gov.uk\)](#).

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 and colleges regarding the 2026 checking exercises and data shares.

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

Yours faithfully

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