



LTS Education Performance

Supporting Schools through Data Analysis, Data Collection and Guidance

Changes to the School Census 2020/21

This year there are new items for post 16 learning aims and attendance. There are also changes to existing attendance and exclusions data collected. COVID-19 has had an impact on some data collected in the autumn term. No data items are being removed this year.

New data items

Pupil Attendance

The first collection of these new attendance data items will be autumn term attendance data within the spring 2021 census.

Total number of sessions attending approved educational activity

The total number of sessions a pupil has spent in attendance at an approved educational activity within the collection period. For all schools except nursery. [DfE Guidance](#)

Total number of sessions unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances

The total number of sessions a pupil was unable to attend due to an exceptional circumstance within the collection period. For all schools except nursery. [DfE Guidance](#)

Learning Aims (schools with 6th forms only – Autumn Term Only)

Programme aim

From autumn 2020 all on roll pupils undertaking 16-19 programmes must have a programme aim recorded alongside the component learning aims. [DfE Guidance](#)

Programme type

For each learning aims, the type of programme it belongs to. [DfE Guidance](#)

Work placement start date

For the recording of work placements, where applicable, the start date of the work placement. [DfE Guidance](#)

Work placement end date

For the recording of work placements, where applicable, the end date of the work placement. [DfE Guidance](#)

Work placement hours

For the recording of work placements, where applicable, the number of work placement hours. [DfE Guidance](#)

Work placement mode

For the recording of work placements, where applicable, the mode of work placement - whether it is internal or external. [DfE Guidance](#)

Work placement employer ID

For the recording of work placements, where applicable, the employer ID for the work placement. [DfE Guidance](#)

T level planned hours

The total planned timetabled hours for the student for the duration of the T Level. [DfE Guidance](#)

T level planned employability, enrichment and pastoral hours

The total planned employability, enrichment and pastoral timetabled hours for the student for the duration of the T Level. [DfE Guidance](#)

Changes to existing data items

Pupil Attendance

Attendance data collected for the 2020/21 academic year will include categories of school attendance, rather than just those for authorised and unauthorised absence. The first collection of this data will occur in spring 2021, which includes data for the previous autumn term.

Attendance code 'D' for dual registered sessions will be collected for the first time in spring 2021. Code 'D' should only be used when there is a dual registration arrangement between two schools and the pupil is attending the other school at the time, to avoid double-counting. [DfE Guidance](#)

Exclusion Reasons

New exclusions reasons are available for use for any exclusions taking place in autumn 2020 and beyond. Up to three reasons may be submitted per exclusion. More than one reason per exclusion should only be submitted where appropriate. There is no ranking to each reason where more than one has been submitted. Note that the exclusions code of 'other' is no longer available as a reason for exclusions taking place in the autumn term and onwards due to the expansion of the categories available.

The first collection of the extended codes and three reasons will occur in the spring 2021 census for exclusions taking place in the autumn term 2020. [DfE Guidance](#)

Deleted Items

There are no deleted items for the 2020-21 school census.