

Education Performance & Information

About our service

Statutory Returns

The team provides advice and guidance for schools to enable them to complete the termly statutory School Census and assessment data returns to the DfE. We provide guidance documents, a meeting for admin staff and a helpdesk service. This ensures that schools are clear about the requirements and can avoid errors.

We undertake a checking service before the data is submitted to maximise accuracy. We ensure that returns are free of errors in COLLECT and that suitable explanatory notes have been added against queries. We contact other local authorities to resolve duplicates as part of the national process. Since data is used for budget allocations, performance tables and Ofsted, this service is particularly valuable.

Central Pupil Database

The team supports the use of the ONE Central Pupil Database. Data is automatically and securely collected from schools via B2B and used to update the system. This process helps schools keep their data accurate, for example by informing of original UPNs.

The data in the system enables the work of various teams that support schools, such as Education Welfare and Admissions. We also aim to reduce the number of queries to schools by LA teams by providing information centrally.

Traded Service

For 2017-18, we are offering three data suites which can help schools:

- School Information Dashboard (SID)
- Fischer Family Trust Aspire (FFT)
- Perspective Lite

A service for academies to provide additional validation and assistance for the School Census is now also available.

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What we offer

- Provide advice, guidance and support to schools in making statutory returns. This includes a helpline service, guidance documentation and regular meetings.
- Collect, validate, submit and analyse statutory returns: School Census, School Workforce Census, Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2, Phonics and GCSE
- A traded service package including our School Information Dashboard, plus support and access to Fischer Family Trust and Perspective Lite.

Benefits of using our service

- Audit grade quality assurance and authorisation of statutory returns made to the DfE
- The data returned is the source of official statistics reported to Ofsted and in the DfE

Performance Tables. It also informs school budgets.

- A dashboard which facilitates school self evaluation: trend analysis, comparisons with LA and national results, identification of vulnerable groups
- Schools can access Fischer Family Trust Aspire at a reduced rate than purchasing directly

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