

To: All local authorities, service children education providers and school's MI suppliers

Autumn School Census 2021 – Update No 1

Purpose

The purpose of this note is to provide school census contacts with an update of the autumn school census which is currently live.

Error 1897

Unfortunately, a bug has been found in the XSLT which was sent to software suppliers. The error will not trigger if planned hours, maths and English highest prior attainment, including funding exemption has been returned for a student who left last term. Along with programme and learning aims, only the previous years planned hours, previous maths and English highest prior attainment grade and maths and English language GCSE prior attainment at end of year 11 are required for this cohort. Please note this error will trigger correctly when the return is uploaded onto COLLECT and must be resolved as it may impact on 16-19 funding allocations.

Table 26 school summary

It has come to our attention Table 26 of the school summary is not populating the pupil numbers. Unfortunately, it is too late to issue a new XSLT, apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.

Software supplier issue

We have been notified that if a pupil was not attending school during the summer term due to either being stuck abroad where the nation has travel restrictions in place (Code Y) or were self-isolating (Code X) that the number of possible sessions are not pulling through. The software supplier will provide a resolution as soon as possible. Please note for such cases the pupil will trigger E2500, E2510, E2575 and E2579 a notepad entry is not acceptable, the number of possible sessions should be recorded as 0 not 'blank'.

Notepad entries

It is important that when providing a notepad entry that the validation number is included in the text and that schools adhere to the notepad entry guidance.

This will allow the DfE to process returns to authorisation efficiently.

Please note if providers have more than one query, only one notepad is required to cover all queries. For example:

4007q, 1991q, 2906q confirmed as correct. TonT4D 'school confirms that no pupils were eligible for FSM last term'.

Further support

As always, if you have any queries about any of the points covered in this note, COLLECT or school census in general, please use the [service request form](#).

Please use the [feedback form](#) if you have any comments about the data collection content on the web site, the service offered by the data collection helpdesk, the COLLECT system or any other aspect of our data collection service.

Thank you for your support and cooperation

Kind regards

Data Operations Service Desk

