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

Autumn School Census 2021 – Update No 2

Purpose

The purpose of this note is to provide school census contacts with an update of the autumn school census which is currently live and to remind you of the impending deadline for approved submissions being Wednesday 3 November.

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A bug has been found in the XSLT around QNs beginning with ZTLOS. The error will trigger incorrectly for any student that has a QN that begins ZTLOS and doesn't end 005. However, any incorrect occurrences of this error will disappear when the return is loaded to COLLECT and only genuine cases will remain.

School-led tutoring grant

Eligible schools will receive the school-led tutoring grant via their regular scheduled ESFA payments.
This can be used to source tutoring provision for disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils who have missed the most education due to COVID-19 disruption. You can find information about school level allocations on the school-led tutoring: conditions of grant and allocations page. So that we can accurately recover any unspent funding and understand how schools are supporting their pupils, there are two key, compulsory data collections that schools must complete during the academic year:

- the school census – this must be completed once a term, further information about completing this can be found in the school census guide.
- a school-led tutoring: year-end statement by the end of July 2022. We have provided a tracker and calculator tool to help schools track information during the academic year and it will help in completing and returning their mandatory school-led tutoring: year-end statement to the EFSA by the end of July 2022.

The tracker and calculator, along with guidance on how to use it can be found: here. Use of the tracker and calculator tool is entirely voluntary. The tracker and calculator tool can be downloaded and used offline by schools if they want to. If schools already have their own methods of collating information about school-led tutoring, there is no need to use, or switch to, the tool. The tracker and calculator tool does not need to be returned to DfE at any point. It is for school's own internal use if helpful to them. Further information about School-Led Tutoring is available here.

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 operations service desk, 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