Data Collection and Analysis Newsletter

Spring term 2023/2024

For secondary schools

Welcome to the 2023/2024 spring term edition of the Data Collection and Analysis Newsletter for high schools. The aim of this newsletter is to communicate relevant issues, changes and improvements in the LA's data collection, analysis, and reporting procedures, as well as to publicise the services and information we offer.

As usual, please can administrators ensure they pass a copy of this newsletter on to their head and assessment lead, so these important updates reach the relevant people in each school.

Schools Performance and Data Team

The Schools Performance and Data Team continue to provide a variety of services concerning the collection, analysis, and reporting of a range of data including school and pupil performance, inclusion, SEND, Virtual School, alternative provision, and school place planning data.

The team now consists of six staff and remains hybrid, with regular in-the-office days. Personal contact details can be found at the bottom of this newsletter but please continue to use schoolsdatateam@ealing.gov.uk for general enquiries. Our shared inbox enables any member of the team to pick up urgent enquiries and respond in a timely manner, in the absence of specific area leads.

Spring school census – thank you!

At the time of writing, all Ealing schools have had their spring census return approved by the LA and authorised by the DfE. Many thanks to all the members of staff who contributed towards the timely return of school census data, and to those who worked with Viktorija to resolve errors and queries over the last few months.

Summer school census day is Thursday 16th May 2023. As usual the local authority ask that schools submit their return by **Friday 17th May** and notify us if there is likely to be a delay beyond this in making your return. Schools should make dry runs in their MIS in advance of the count day to resolve as many errors and queries as possible as well as to conduct data quality checks. The DfE have additional validation that is only available in the COLLECT system so schools should make a draft submission on COLLECT as early as possible after Thursday 16th May to highlight any additional queries from the DfE.

Please also remember that children in alternative provision should be recorded on your MIS for submission as part of the termly school census as per this guidance - Complete the school census - Data items 2023 to 2024 - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Further information and updates will be made available shortly on the EGfL - https://www.egfl.org.uk/finance-and-data/data-collection/school-census.

Secondary Data/Census Leads Group

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th April from 2pm until 3:30pm and will take place in-person at Percival House. If you would like to attend this meeting and have not attended previously, please email us on schoolsdatateam@ealing.gov.uk. We will send out invite details over the Easter holidays but we hope by scheduling this meeting before the start of the exam season that most schools will be able to send a representative. Our next meeting will cover items like the summer school census, results day data collections and new attendance guidance amongst others.

Early Transfer Form

We will again be producing Early Transfer forms for high schools this year using spring school census data (from Ealing primary schools and Autumn census from out borough schools), matched to a variety of centrally held administrative systems.

We plan to provide high schools with version 1 of their ETF (containing contextual data and other agency involvement) by the end of April. Once primary assessments have been submitted, we will include provisional KS2 teacher assessments and test outcomes in version 2 of the ETF in July.

Resource for Schools: Perspective Lite

We would like to remind all ELP schools that headteachers have been issued a **Perspective Lite** log-in - Perspective (angelsolutions.co.uk). We would like to encourage all schools to log-in and become familiar with the portal, as various pre-populated NCER reports will be made available throughout the year to supplement the bespoke reports the team produce. Furthermore, schools have the capability to freely explore their census and attainment data. If this is something you are yet to use – or need a reminder of your login – please email franchettim@ealing.gov.uk. Please note: accounts are by default registered to school heads, but additional accounts can be created.

School reports on the EGfL

Reports that will be coming up in the Spring term include your final KS4 and KS5 attainment reports, school data summaries, Inclusion dashboards on a page, LA SEN Audit Report, Geographical Report and Spring Census reports. (Publication dates for these depend on how quickly academies make their Spring school census submissions.)

Reports that have recently been uploaded include the KS4 provisional report, SEN attainment & attendance summaries and Virtual school attainment & attendance summaries. When reports are published by the team we put out a news item via the EGFL, so do sign up for weekly gatekeeping emails to make sure you are kept updated - Gatekeeping news | Ealing Grid for Learning (egfl.org.uk)

For any queries or comments on the content of the reports on the school or LA report pages, please contact Jen or Shane. Any queries relating to EGFL logins please contact egflwebteam@ealing.gov.uk.

Additional Support for Schools

We offer a tailored service to schools through buy-back. Schools can also commission the Performance and Data Team to undertake additional analysis or training above and beyond that currently offered.

This buy back service is available for 2023/24 at a cost of £350 per half day (£450 non ELP schools) (or on a pro rata basis), subject to availability and capacity, and can be booked by contacting Jen.

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