

Primary Attainment Data Collection Summer 2025 - message from Education Information Services

Thank you to the schools that have submitted data to Education Information Services (EIS) so far. We really appreciate it.

Please check that you received the email from Education Information Services (Victoria Sims) that was sent on 14/05/2025 with the subject: Important Information - Primary Assessment Data Collection Summer 2025.

This email contained the key information regarding this summer's primary data collection.

We would like to highlight our concerns about this year's collection so that we can work with you effectively.

- These collections only happen once a year. Some staff members might be "rusty", some will be new to the role and some schools have changed MIS since the last collection period.
- We have to "referee" between schools when there are duplicate pupils, following the DfE rules (which were included in Vicky's email). Therefore, the earlier **all** schools complete their returns, the more time there is for this process.
- Schools can have technical MI System issues and staff sickness. In the past, this has meant that schools missed the KS2 TA submission deadline, which impacted upon their KS2 performance data. If you have an issue with your MIS, the chances are that the nearer to the deadline, the busier your MIS support team will be. Unfortunately, EIS cannot support you with your MIS.
- Please do not wait until you have all your assessments ready before you submit them. If you will be submitting EYFSP, Phonics and KS2 data, you can send each file when it is ready rather than waiting until all three are complete. We can work through the data sets as you send them, instead of having a narrower time frame to deal with all of them.
- You can view the data that we have cleaned and processed on the Perspective Lite system (<https://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk>).

Early submission of your attainment data will maximise the time that your school and Education Information Services have to work together to complete your returns.

KS2 TA collection is due by Friday 27th June (submit to www.primaryassessmentgateway.education.gov.uk).

The EYFS and Phonics collections are due to be with EIS on Monday 30th June (upload to SSE).

The cleaning systems we use employ a queuing system for importing data. As a result, it can take hours after you have sent us a file before we can start to check it.

In the past, we have had schools sending incorrect files by mistake (e.g. Spring term tracking). If that happens on the deadline day, it may be overlooked. If you submit your data early on the submission cycle, there will be time to notice and resolve this, and ensure that DfE receive the correct data.

Finally, the DfE systems are always overwhelmed in the last week of submission. In previous years, files submitted by schools on the day **before** the deadline on the Primary Assessment Gateway, were still not showing for some users after the final day! Members of our team have spent hours on behalf of schools calling the PAG support helpline. Whilst on these calls, we were unable to carry out support for other schools. The later you leave any uploading, the longer it will take. Even then, when uploaded, that data set may still need to be cleaned. The slowdown experienced by PAG has meant that some schools uploaded files that were only just accepted as the system closed. ***We do not want to put school colleagues through those stresses again!***

Therefore, the message is simple: please submit your data asap.

If you have any questions, please email
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