

Up-to-speed on: changes to what schools must publish on their websites

The DfE has updated its guidance for [maintained schools](#) and [academies, free schools and colleges](#) regarding what they need to publish on their websites. This article breaks down what you need to know about the changes.

Please note: changes apply to all maintained schools, academies, free schools and colleges, unless a specific school type or phase is referenced.

Key points

The key points are as follows:

- [Schools should publish details relating to the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) catch-up premium](#)
- [Schools are not required to publish their exam and assessment results from 2019/2020](#)
- [Changes have been made to pupil premium requirements to account for coronavirus 2020/2021 is the last year schools must report on the Year 7 catch-up premium](#)
- [Maintained schools without a website must still publish information](#)
- [Maintained schools must publish admission appeals arrangements](#)
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- [Academies must publish information about executive pay](#)
- [Curriculum information should include reference to equality and SEND](#)

Read on to learn more about each key point.

Schools should publish details relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) catch-up premium

Schools that receive the coronavirus (COVID-19) catch-up premium in the 2020/2021 academic year should publish details of:

- How it is intended that the grant will be spent.
- How the effect of this expenditure on the educational attainment of those pupils at the school will be assessed.

Schools are not required to publish their exam and assessment results from 2019/2020

Schools are not required to publish their exam and assessment results from the 2019/2020 academic year as these have not been published as performance measures. Schools must

continue to display their 2018/2019 performance measures until new performance measures are published – it should be clear that these measures are not current.

Changes have been made to pupil premium requirements to account for coronavirus

The DfE has said it understands that schools that receive pupil premium funding may have difficulty evaluating the impact of the premium in the 2019/2020 academic year as a result of reduced numbers of pupils attending school between March and July 2020. As a result of this, schools can monitor and report on the premium's impact at the end of the current financial year, bearing in mind their duty to update this information at least annually, covering the whole period since September 2019.

2020/2021 is the last year schools must report on the Year 7 catch-up premium

As final payments of the Year 7 catch-up premium were made in relation to the 2019/2020 academic year, the 2020/2021 academic year will be the last year that schools must report on how the funding was used.

Maintained schools without a website must still publish information

A new section has been included in the guidance for maintained schools which requires schools that do not maintain their own website to publish all the information set out in the guidance. These schools can use an alternative website to host the information as long as they make the details of the website known to parents.

Maintained schools must publish admission appeals arrangements

There is a new requirement for maintained schools where the governing board determines admission arrangements to publish a timetable for organising and hearing admission appeals – this must be done by 28 February each year.

In maintained schools where the LA manages their admissions processes, the school must refer parents to the LA to find out about appeals arrangements.

Maintained schools must publish details of their behaviour policies

Maintained schools must publish details of their behaviour policies – in the previous version of the guidance, the DfE only said maintained schools “should” publish this information.

Academies must publish Ofsted information

Academies, free schools and colleges must publish either a copy of their most recent Ofsted report or a link to the report on the Ofsted website – in the previous version of the guidance, these schools and colleges were only told that they “should” publish this information.



Academies must publish information about executive pay

In line with the 'Academies financial handbook 2020', academies must publish how many employees have a gross annual salary and benefits of £100,000 or more. These figures should be published in £10,000 increments.



Curriculum information should include reference to equality and SEND

When publishing information about the curriculum, maintained schools and academies should include how they are complying with their duties outlined in the Equality Act 2010 and The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 with regards to making the curriculum accessible for those with SEND.

What's next?

- We are updating our website audit checklists for [maintained schools](#) and [academies](#) – add these pages to your 'Watch list' to be notified as soon as they are ready.

Bibliography

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