

## Transfer of pupil data between schools or academies end of 2013/14

### Background Information

"If a child moves to another school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland then the child's common transfer file and educational record must be passed to the new school as set out in the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 (SI2005/1437). Information must be transferred within 15 school days."

*Assessment and Reporting Arrangements 2014*

The effective management of the transition of pupils from one school to another is a key responsibility both of schools and of the Local Authority. A consistent county-wide approach to the transfer of information is especially important for schools which draw their intake from a large number of schools, and for those which send pupils to several different schools.

National and local surveys have identified pupil transfers as **particularly successful** when schools:

- have established curriculum liaison and cross-phase trust
- ensure that there is agreement within and across schools about what information should be passed on
- have procedures in place to ensure the right information gets to the right people in good time
- use such procedures for passing information internally as well as to and from other schools and sources
- read the information received, and discuss it where appropriate, prior to the start of the new school year
- use the information received to provide appropriate challenge and support for each pupil
- provide information which focuses on significant aspects of learning and identifies pupils' strengths and areas for development.
- provide information on any Pupil Intervention or Catch-up programme which has taken place

The procedures outlined below represent the minimum amount of information required. It should be noted that all the pupils' statutory assessment data needs to be contained within the school's MIS (SIMS or other) in order to be included in the CTF export for transferring to the next school.

**Additional procedures which are locally agreed, and which enhance the minimum, are fully supported and encouraged.**

Guidance on statutory requirements can be found in the Assessment and Reporting Arrangements booklet for the appropriate key stage, published by the STA, and downloadable from DfE's [Assessment and Reporting Arrangements 2014](#).

Files are transferred using [Common Transfer File \(CTF\)](#) format, either via Anycomms / Anycomms Plus (AVCO) secure data transfer system, or via the [s2s website](#).

### **KS2 Test Results for pupils transferring at the end of Year 6**

Where pupils are transferring to secondary schools at the end of Year 6, the feeder school is not required to transfer Key Stage 2 Test Results. Instead, the feeder school is asked to ensure that the KS2 Teacher Assessments are entered on their Management Information System, and the appropriate Common Transfer File (CTF) is submitted by electronic transfer as early as possible, but **no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. Then the secondary schools will have the appropriate information (including UPNs) to enable them to download Key Stage 2 Test Results from a national website provided by the DfE.

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### Minimum information and latest dates for pupil details to be transferred between schools - Summer 2014

Yr N transfer at the end of Nursery	by Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	A - A copy of the Learning Story (or equivalent), with parents' agreement
	by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	B - SEN information about individual pupils

Yr 2 transfer at the end of Key Stage 1	by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	A - Common Transfer File (CTF) containing pupil details including End-of-KS1 Teacher Assessments. EYFS Profile and Phonics Screening Check results will be included in the CTF ( <b>See "Special Arrangements for Phonics" – below</b> )
	by Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	B - Any additional pupil SEN information, or details of any relevant Pupil Intervention or Catch-up programme which has taken place, that is not contained in the CTF C - A copy of the annual report to parents

**Special arrangements for Phonics:** The threshold for the Phonics Screening Check will not be known until 30<sup>th</sup> June – please do not export & send the Common Transfer File until your MIS has been updated with this new threshold. Check the ICT website for updates.

Yr 6 transfer at the end of Key Stage 2	by Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	A - Common Transfer File (CTF) containing pupil details and end-of-KS1 and KS2 Teacher Assessments in English, reading, writing, mathematics, science.  <b>Note - please DO NOT wait for KS2 Test Results as they are not required, see "KS2 Test Results ..." on previous page</b>
	by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	B - Any additional pupil SEN information, or details of any relevant Pupil Intervention or Catch-up programme which has taken place, that is not contained in the CTF C - A copy of the annual report to parents

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Non-statutory test results and Teacher Assessments in subjects other than those mentioned above should be transferred between schools by local arrangement.
- 2) Any locally agreed arrangements to transfer information earlier than the above dates should supersede this guidance.
- 3) For pupils with significant special educational needs, key information should be passed as early as possible, in order to enable the receiving school to make appropriate arrangements for support.
- 4) Although the above schedule refers to the end of an academic year, the appropriate information should also be transferred electronically when individual pupils move schools at any other time. A CTF file must be submitted within 15 school days of a pupil ceasing to be registered at the school.
- 5) Everywhere in this guidance which refers to schools, also includes all academies.