



Department
for Education

Education Data Division - request for change form for CBDS

RFC 1143

Additional exclusion reason

Type of change

Code set extension

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Date RFC raised

25/08/2020

Date change required

In systems for use from autumn 2020, first collection spring 2021 school census

Priority

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Priority ratings

1 = Top - Ministerial or legislative requirement

2 = High - Senior official customer requirement or clear net benefit / efficiency saving to Data Operations, department or MIS suppliers

3 = Medium - Customer requirement, marginal net benefit

4 = Low - Nice to have, net cost, does not affect functionality, cosmetic change

Section 1 – details of change

Data item / rule number

Code set CS010

Description of change

Addition of additional reason 'Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health' for use from the start of the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

CS010 / D00024	Pupil Exclusion Reason	Applicable collection - School Census
PP	Physical assault against a pupil	
PA	Physical assault against an adult	
VP	Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil	
VA	Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult	
OW	Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item	Valid for use from the start of the 2020/21 academic year
BU	Bullying	
RA	Racist abuse	
LG	Abuse against sexual orientation and gender identity	Valid for use from the start of the 2020/21 academic year
DS	Abuse relating to disability	Valid for use from the start of the 2020/21 academic year
SM	Sexual misconduct	
DA	Drug and alcohol related	
DM	Damage	
TH	Theft	
DB	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour	
MT	Inappropriate use of social media or online technology	Valid for use from the start of the 2020/21 academic year
PH	Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health	Valid for use from the start of the 2020/21 academic year
OT	Other	Valid for use until the end of the 2019/20 academic year only

Reason for change (including benefits)

To capture policy requirements for the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

There is a risk that school exclusions will 'spike' when schools return in September.

From September it is possible pupils will be excluded for failing to follow COVID protective measures. It is unclear which exclusion reason code in the school census schools would select for an exclusion of this kind. Therefore, to support schools a COVID-specific reason code is proposed to capture this data.

We are aware that it may not be possible for all suppliers to include it by 1st September 2020 therefore we propose to specify in guidance for schools to use this code as appropriate as soon as it becomes available on their system.

This will enable us to have robust data on exclusions which fully reflects the reasons for exclusions.

Academic year 20/21 is also the first year that schools will be able to select up to 3 reasons for an exclusion so this temporary change will form part of wider amendments to recording.

Impact of not doing the change

Data quality would not be as great and would not enable the department to gain a national view and scale of exclusions in relation to coronavirus.

Impact assessment to be undertaken by

School Census software suppliers

School census working group

Star Chamber Scrutiny Board

Date consulted

25/08/2020

Response requested by

25/08/2020

Section 2 – impact analysis

Software suppliers' summary of impact assessment

Software supplier impact received via correspondence prior to RFC being drafted:

The majority of suppliers would be able to implement for use at the start of the autumn term. Either making available for use from 2020-09-01 or included in their next release with the functionality for schools to back date where the reason was not available at the point of entering the exclusion on the MIS.

DfE internal colleagues' summary of impact assessment

No issues with extending valid values of CS010.

Impact Assessed by (name)

School census working group, School census software suppliers, Star Chamber Scrutiny Board

Date

25 August 2020

Section 3 - outcome / decision

Date of review meeting

25 August 2020

Attendees

Kirsty Knox and Paul Hirst

Brief Summary of Discussion

Following a review of comments and the need for this data to be collected it was agreed we should proceed.

As the exclusion collection period runs from 2020-08-01, suppliers would need to enable the backdating of exclusion reasons from this date for completeness.

Guidance would need to be updated to ensure schools are aware that where the reason is unavailable in systems, they should ensure it is updated when made available and certainly prior to the data being collected by the department.

Accept / Reject

Accept