



## Ad-hoc notice: school closure during the 5th July 2016 teacher strike

On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 the National Union of Teachers carried out a day of national strike action over teachers' pay and conditions and school funding.

This statistical notice reports on the results of a data collection exercise performed by the Department for Education (DfE). The aim was to find out for all publicly funded schools in England whether they were open, partially open or closed on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The figures presented in this release are final and they update the previously published provisional release based on the status of the data collection as of 10:45AM on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

### Source data

The data were collected by DfE between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 through a number of different methods as presented in the Table 1. Data were available for **20,809** out of the **21,957** publicly funded schools<sup>1</sup> in England (**94.8%**).

In advance of the strike, data for maintained schools were collected from a central return from each Local Authority (LA) and data for academies were collected via email from academy trusts.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> July, DfE ran a supplementary collection to gather additional information for the schools not included as part of the LA returns, in the following ways:

- Data were collected directly from schools and academy trusts via telephone using a core script of questions to ensure consistency of collection.
- Data were collected via LA or school websites, which involved searching the front page of the website for schools who could not be reached via telephone.

The schools where information could not be obtained via the methods above are classed as 'data not available'.

### Findings

On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 there were **21,957** publicly funded schools in England. Out of these, **63.2%** were open, **20.3%** were partially open, **11.3%** were closed and the status of **5.2%** was unknown.

This means that out of the **20,809** publicly funded schools in England with a known status, **66.7%** were open, **21.4%** were partially open and **11.9%** were closed.

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<sup>1</sup> The 66 non-maintained special schools in England are also in scope for the collection.

The above figures are final and they update the respective figures from the previously published provisional release based on the status of the data collection as of 10:45AM on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Both the provisional and the final figures are presented in Table 2.

**Table 1: Summary of the school closure data collection (covers both the published provisional figures as of 10:45AM on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and the final figures)**

Data collection method	Number of schools	
	Provisional: Data as of 10:45AM on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Final: Data as of 3:30PM on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Provided by LAs via a central return	7,265	7,084
Provided by academy trusts via email	2,863	2,875
Telephone contact with schools and trusts	6,721	9,942
LA or school website	789	908
<b>Data available</b>	<b>17,638</b>	<b>20,809</b>
Data not available	4,319	1,148
<b>All schools</b>	<b>21,957</b>	<b>21,957</b>

Source: DfE

**Table 2: Closure of publicly funded schools in England on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (covers both the published provisional figures as of 10:45AM on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and the final figures)**

School status	Provisional results: Data as of 10:45AM on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016			Final results: Data as of 3:30PM on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016		
	Number of schools	% of all schools	% of known	Number of schools	% of all schools	% of known
Open	11,566	52.7%	65.6%	13,875	63.2%	66.7%
Partially open	3,827	17.4%	21.7%	4,457	20.3%	21.4%
Closed	2,245	10.2%	12.7%	2,477	11.3%	11.9%
<b>Total known</b>	<b>17,638</b>	<b>80.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,809</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Not known	4,319	19.7%	-	1,148	5.2%	-
<b>All schools</b>	<b>21,957</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	-	<b>21,957</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	-

Source: DfE

## Notes about these data

1. The collection covered all state funded schools and non-maintained special schools in England.
2. The percentage figures have been rounded to one decimal place.
3. Abbreviations used in the tables: Local Authority (LA), Not available – data yet to be collected (N/A).