



4 October 2024

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the elective home education and children missing education local authority data collection (2024-2025)  
[DLUHC ref: 31/7433]**

Dear Sir or Madam,

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and
- (2) **[LA]**

On 29 February 2024, the Department for Education wrote to local authority elective home education (EHE) and children missing education (CME) teams to inform them that from Autumn 2024, it will be mandatory for all local authorities to submit a return to the termly aggregate EHE and CME data collection under Section 29(1) of the Education Act 1996.

To support local authorities in meeting this requirement, each local authority will receive £922.95 over three years. This figure has been derived from the average completion time submitted by local authorities for the Spring, Summer and Autumn 2023 data collections.

### **Purpose of this grant**

This grant should be used to cover the compliance costs of submitting a return to the data collection each term. Full guidance on how to submit the data collection is available [here](#).

### **Grant allocations**

Total funding of £47,070.45 is available to local authorities for 2024-25. Funds will be made available in the form of a Section 31 grant to local authorities. Each local authority will receive £307.65 through this grant.

### **Payment arrangements**

Payment will be made in one instalment in October 2024.

## EHE and CME termly data collection

The first mandatory collection will take place from 3rd October 2024 until 8th November 2024. The data collection submission dates have been extended to allow 5 weeks for local authorities to submit data. Spring and Summer 2025 collection dates are available [here](#).

While local authorities will be required to **submit** a data return termly they are not required to collect and provide the data requested. However, local authorities are encouraged to do so. Gaps in data will impact the ability of the Department to accurately understand the EHE and CME cohorts at a national and local authority level. Please refer to the [data collection guidance](#) for further information on how to record unknown information.

Local authorities can use the Department's [data collections service request form](#) to ask any question about the data collection.

Yours Sincerely



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