



11th December 2023

Dear Colleague

CES Census 2024

I am writing to update you on the outcomes from this year's CES Census and to inform you of our plans for the 2024 Census.

The CES census remains the most accurate report of Catholic education in England and we are now able to reflect on almost a decade's worth of precise data. We are grateful to every Catholic school in England, both independent and state-funded, for returning their data in a prompt and timely manner, especially given the speed of changes in the sector, which has seen a 13% increase in the number of Catholic academies.

Census Timetable and support period

The CES Census starts on 16th January 2024 in Wales and 18th January in England. Schools should complete and submit their returns during the support period which runs from the start date until Friday 9th February.

Completing the Census using an approved MIS

Schools that use the following MISs should continue to complete the Census using the tailored CES Census applications: Capita SIMS; Arbor Education; Bromcom; ISAMS; Scholarpack; SchoolPod. If your school uses one of these MISs and you submitted an Excel form in 2023, I would strongly urge you to use your school's MIS in 2024. If you need advice, please contact the CES helpdesk (details below).

Completing the Census using the Excel spreadsheet form

As in previous years, schools and colleges (approximately 20% of the total) that do not use one of the MISs listed above should complete the Census using the Excel spreadsheet. This will be available to download from the CES Census website (see below) from early January.

The Excel spreadsheet should be renamed so that it has a unique name, typically one that includes your 7 digit local authority and establishment number. For example, if your local authority number was 823 and your establishment number was 4321, you would rename the

form as follows: **CESCensus2024_8234321**. Please refer to the attached FAQ for further details on renaming your spreadsheet.

CES Census Website

The CES Census website URL is <https://www.cescensus.org.uk>. The website contains user guides on how to complete the census, frequently asked questions, the census upload page and a page where you can check if your census file has been received and processed.

File Submission

Completed Census files are uploaded using a simple form on the Census website, which is located at <https://www.cescensus.org.uk/upload>. You must log in to this page using the login details below:

User id: **censususer**

Password: **census2024**

When a return has been submitted successfully, an email confirmation will be sent to the email address entered on the upload form.

Census Helpdesk

Please remember that most support questions can be answered in the Frequently Asked Questions which is attached and can also be downloaded from the census website:

<https://cescensus.org.uk/faq.html>

We cannot guarantee that the telephone helpline will be answered immediately. Time taken to respond to voicemails will depend on the volume.

You will get **a much quicker response** if you use the online helpdesk. If you have a support query, please raise a ticket at <http://www.cescensus.org.uk/helpdesk/>. We aim to respond to all tickets on the day they are raised and will monitor the helpdesk outside normal working hours. The online helpdesk also contains an extensive knowledgebase as well as up to date information about ongoing technical issues should any arise during the census.

If you have difficulty using the online helpdesk you can also phone the CES or your diocesan census representative during the support period:

- CES helpline: 020 7901 1909 (9:30 – 16:00 Monday to Friday)
- telephone or email diocesan census representatives, who can assist with some frequently asked questions (see appendix to this letter)

If it will not be possible to complete your census before the end of the support period please contact the helpdesk as soon as a delay becomes inevitable. The CES will then work with you to minimise the delay.

GDPR and the CES Census

The annual CES Census is the source of all school data collected by the CES. No data on individual pupils is collected in the census. The name of the headteacher is collected, also a contact name and email address which are used solely for census communications.

A document that describes the extent to which the CES census falls within the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) can be downloaded from the CES census website. This document addresses questions that the CES has received from schools that raised concerns about the CES census and privacy of schools' data.

If you have any questions about this letter, please raise a ticket on the online helpdesk (<https://www.cescensus.org.uk/helpdesk/>) or email census@catholiceducation.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix: Diocesan Representatives

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Arundel & Brighton	01293 511130	Gill Sajnog
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Clifton	0117 9025593	Jenny Fitzgerald
East Anglia	01508 495509	Jane Delph
Hallam	0114 2566440	Amanda Bramall
Hexham & Newcastle	0191 2433310	Viv Fawcett
Lancaster	01524 841190	Heather Watts
Leeds	01132 618034	Kieron Flood
Liverpool	0151 522 1078	Hannah Blaby
Menevia	01792 652757	Paul White
Middlesbrough	01642 850515	Katherine McKeown
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Plymouth	01364 645396	Helen Brown
Portsmouth	02392 893600	Fr PJ Smith
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