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1. Overview

The notes in this document are for use by all maintained schools (nursery, primary, middle, secondary, and special), pupil referral units (PRUs) and local authorities in completing the **school** data return element of the School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC) in November 2025.

The document informs schools and local authorities of whom staff members should be included in the SWAC return and defines the data items required for them as part of both phases. This should assist schools and local authorities to provide the required data items to the specified definitions.

The use of the term "school" when used generically throughout this document includes all the school types listed above.

The SWAC is split into two data returns: the **school** data return and the **pay**, **human** resource (HR) and absence data return.

This document covers the **school** data return element of the SWAC which must be returned by all maintained schools in Wales. A similar technical completion notes document for the **pay**, **HR and absence** data return element of the SWAC is available here. All local authorities will be required to return this element for school staff on their payroll.

Schools which have **opted out** of service level agreements (SLA) for HR and/or payroll and do not provide information to their local authority **will have to provide <u>both</u> elements of the SWAC** to the Welsh Government and therefore should read notes for both returns. Please discuss this arrangement with your local authority if there is any confusion as to whether they will submit the **pay**, **HR and absence** return for you.

This document should be used as a handbook for data entered into your schools' Management Information Systems (MIS) throughout the year for school staff, rather than just as guidance for the collection itself.

These completion notes should be read in conjunction with any software specific SWAC user guide available through your local authority, and with the documentation provided by your software supplier.

1.1 Changes from last year

The following list shows the main changes since the previous SWAC collection:

- dates rolled forward by a year;
- for the supply data module in the SWAC 2025 collection schools will be required
 to record all supply, including supply provided via supply agencies and supply
 provided directly via the local authority supply pool. It is recommended that
 schools start recording supply on this basis from the beginning of the academic
 year in readiness for the SWAC collection in the following year each time.

2. Future developments

There is currently nothing scheduled for future development.

3. Key dates

Schools should work to the following timetable to ensure a return clean of all errors and as accurate as possible is with the Welsh Government by **Wednesday 17 December 2025**. After this date no more data submissions will be admissible.

Date	Action
1 September 2025	School MIS providers will have functionality enabled for schools to record the required workforce level data in preparation for the census
4 November 2025	SWAC 2025 census day
4 November to 17 December 2025	The Data Exchange Wales initiative (DEWi) website open for SWAC School and SWAC Pay, HR and Absences data return
Local authority defined	Return to local authority via DEWi - each LA sets a deadline for submission of school returns to their LA. Please check with your LA the deadline for submission of your return to them.
17 December 2025	Deadline for submissions to the Welsh Government via DEWi

4. Background and purpose

4.1 Background

The SWAC is needed to provide comprehensive information on:

- size of the workforce;
- staff demographics;
- staff recruitment and retention;
- use of supply cover;
- absences;
- capacity for Welsh medium teaching and subject specific teaching; and
- cost of teachers pay in Wales.

Information from the SWAC will be used to inform Welsh Government policy on issues relating to the school workforce in Wales, including pay and conditions, recruitment and retention, and in calculating costs of teachers pay bill for Wales and the impact of changes upon it.

The data will be utilised in workforce planning, including considering; potential training requirements, subjects taught, use of supply cover, and additional roles undertaken by staff. The data will be also be used to monitor equality and diversity of the school workforce.

The data will enable schools, regional consortia and Welsh Government to have a better understanding of the Welsh language skills of practitioners in order to plan professional learning to enable continued development of skills in accordance with the relevant Professional Standards. It will help the Welsh Government to deliver on the Cymraeg 2050: Welsh language strategy through Welsh medium teaching.

Individual level data provides a far greater level of information than is possible with aggregated school and local authority level data. It will enable the complex analysis required to support better workforce planning, identify key issues affecting schools, and help develop, implement and monitor policies relating to the school workforce in Wales.

It will provide more robust and detailed information to enable better workforce and succession planning at a school, local authority and national level. It is necessary to better understand the characteristics and the make-up of the school workforce in Wales in terms of age profile, qualifications and diversity. It will help identify areas of concern across school settings and subject areas in terms of turnover and timing and ensure policies and workforce planning is developed to target the real issues.

Whilst schools will have to cope with the initial burden of populating their systems, the SWAC will help to reduce the resource required for on-going information management by replacing the large number of requests, often received at different times of the year using a variety of definitions and formats. Rationalising these collections (collecting standard items once and sharing appropriately) will reduce the impact of data collection on schools and local authorities and improve the quality, consistency and timeliness of data collected and reported.

Data is collected on the *collect once, use many times* principle and most of the data collected should be data that a well-prepared school uses themselves for planning.

The accuracy of data is crucial and the overriding principle across all Welsh Government collections are that the data should be an accurate and correct record of the real situation

4.2 Use of data

The information collected through SWAC are used in a variety of ways both within and outside the Welsh Government.

These statistics are used in a variety of ways. Some examples of these are:

- provide evidence to the Independent Wales Pay Review Body (IWPRB) inform discussions and considerations as part of the annual teachers' pay review;
- resource allocation in the Professional Learning Grant;
- forecast future national demand for newly qualified teachers in maintained settings and setting annual initial teacher education (ITE) allocations for ITE programme providers;
- providing advice to ministers;
- to inform the education policy decision-making process in Wales including school reorganisation, Welsh in Education Plan, Additional Learning Needs amongst other policy areas;
- educational research.

5. Structure and timing

5.1 'School' and 'Pay, HR and Absence' returns

The SWAC for staff working in schools is divided into two elements – a **school** data return and a **pay**, **HR and absence** data return. Each return comprises of modules of data which relate to a specific theme or topic. Both the **school** and **pay**, **HR and absence** returns contain a workforce identifiers module (also referred to as the *minimum data set* for the SWAC) which is required to link the information from the two returns and enable analysis of trends over time.

All maintained schools and PRUs **must** return the **school** element.

All local authorities are required to return the **pay**, **HR and absence** element of the SWAC.

Schools which have **opted out** of SLAs for HR and/or payroll and do not provide information to their local authority **will have to provide both elements of the SWAC** return to the Welsh Government and therefore should read the technical completion notes for both returns.

The modules in each return, and the data items included in each module, are listed in section 7.

5.2 Collection and submission dates

Data will be collected annually through the SWAC. The census date for this years' collection is **4 November 2025**. **Snapshot** data should be based on the collection date. In future the census date will be the first Tuesday of November, except when this would fall during half term, in which case it would be the first Tuesday after half term.

The deadline for returning the census to the Welsh Government is **17 December 2025**. Where a school is responsible for returning both the **school** and **pay, HR and absence** returns, a separate return for each **must** be submitted to the Welsh Government via DEWi by the **17 December 2025** to allow error correction, authorisation and credibility checking (see section 8) to take place before the collection closes. Local authorities may require their schools to submit files to them earlier than this and will advise their schools of their file return date.

5.3 Types of data collection - snapshot and historical data

The SWAC requires that individual staff records are provided, rather than aggregated totals, except in the supply module covering use of supply cover, for which aggregated figures should be provided.

Much of the data to be collected represents some characteristic or status of individuals of the school workforce at a given point in time, i.e. **snapshot** data. In addition, the collection also includes **historical** data items, which capture data from the previous academic year.

These may legitimately include data for staff that have left school prior to the census reference date.

Five data modules of the SWAC will capture data for the previous academic year and form the **historical** data items (and therefore introduced into phase 2):

- "absences" details (in the pay, HR and absence return), which will include absences occurring wholly or partly in the academic year prior to the census reference date:
- "recruitment" and "retention" (in the school return), which will include details of
 posts advertised during the calendar year, whether they were successfully filled or
 not, and details on teachers and teaching assistants who have left the school and
 their destination:
- "pay and contract" details (in the pay, HR and absence return), which will include data on staff members who left, or whose contract ended, during the previous academic year; and
- aggregated level data covering the previous academic year will be captured for "supply staff" (in the school return) which will include information on the number of days of teaching and learning support worker supply cover and its total cost.

Successive collections will provide a continuous picture of certain aspects of the school workforce and to enable longitudinal analysis on issue such as the recruitment and retention of teachers, and progression of teachers through their career.

Snapshot data, for example, role, qualified teacher status or Welsh language ability, must be correct as at the census reference date. Which staff members are in scope will be based on the role recorded for the staff member (see annex D). Where schools and PRUs who do not have a MIS configured to automatically extract the required information, contingency spreadsheets are available to complete the return.

For the purposes of the SWAC, the academic year is defined as the period from 1 September to 31 August. Please note that, in general, the data in the **historical** and **snapshot** data do not overlap. There is a gap between the previous academic year's data and the **snapshot** data, where staff may have left service or other changes may have occurred – these changes will be picked up in the following year's **historical** data return. **Snapshot** data will give a full picture of the current workforce, whilst **historical** data shows the changes and activities that occurred over the previous academic year, so each provides different scope for monitoring and reporting.

The Welsh Government has engaged with MIS software suppliers for a few years and their software has been developed to extract the relevant **snapshot** and **historical** data of the SWAC. To enable this, it is important that information is kept up to date; for example, that contract end dates have been entered for all staff members that have left the school.

5.4 Phased implementation

The SWAC has been implemented on a phased approach. The first census was undertaken in November 2019, and collected information for the **snapshot** data modules only as will this years' collection. **Historical** data modules were collected

through the SWAC for the first time in the November 2021 (phase 2) collection and was the first full census collection where all data modules were collected.

As the historical modules in November 2025 will collect data from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, it is vital that you read the notes for the historical data modules and start populating your systems in plenty of time. It is best practice to maintain accurate records of your data on an ongoing basis as this will both ensure full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 and minimise the burden of compiling an error-free SWAC return.

Return	Data module	Nature of data	Time period covered
School	Workforce identifiers	Snapshot	Date of data extraction.
School	Curriculum	Snapshot	The timetable for a typical 10 weekday period (or the equivalent of a 10 weekday period averaged over the schools timetable cycle).
School	Roles	Snapshot	Details of roles undertaken by individual.
School	Recruitment	Historical	Vacancies that opened or closed in the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 of the academic year prior to census date, including vacancies that were not filled.
School	Retention	Historical	Individuals who left the profession or taken retirement (early or at normal age) in the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 of the academic year prior to census date.
School	Supply	Historical	Aggregated level data for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
Pay, HR and Absence	Pay &	Snapshot	Contracts and service agreements that are in scope and are open on census date.
Pay, HR and Absence	contracts*	Historical	Contracts and service agreements that ended in the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
Pay, HR and Absence	Absences*	Historical	Absences that started or finished in the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, including for staff who left during this period.

^{*} These modules will only exist in the **pay**, **HR and absence** return submitted by the local authority or **opted out** schools.

5.5 Data entry, submission and validation process

The following explains the stages of the **school** data return for the SWAC:

- a. the **school** ensure that all relevant staff data has been correctly and accurately entered into their MIS, ensuring any missing data is completed as required;
- b. the **school** to generate the SWAC return from their MIS;

- c. the **school** to study validation reports and scrutinise the summaries closely, in particular for signs that some staff data may not have been entered, and resolve any errors or queries where possible;
- d. the **school** to obtain the headteacher's authorisation and send the return, via the online secure data transfer system DEWi, and summary to their local authority;
- e. the **local authority**'s IMS data officers to study submitted data return from each school and validate that the data is correct and accurate, working with schools to rectify any errors or queries as required;
- f. the **local authority**, once all possible errors and queries are resolved in liaison with the school (and the school having re-submitted corrected data if need be), to send the return, via the online secure data transfer system DEWi, to the Welsh Government;
- g. the **Welsh Government** check the return and ensure that there are no errors or queries, or that they have justifiable explanations;
- h. the **Welsh Government** to download the data into Welsh Government system.

At no stage should any personal data be shared outside of the online secure data transfer system DEWi, which is provided by Welsh Ministers to ensure data security as well as full GDPR and Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 compliance.

Entering and checking data

These completion notes provide a full list of all the data items that must be entered into your system and submitted in your SWAC return. Please note that the data field references in this document reflect the data values and tags as contained in the data file that your software prepares for transmission to your local authority and the Welsh Government. Be aware that these values and tags may not always coincide with the way the software holds the data internally or presents it to you on the user interface screen.

The individual staff records for the **school** return will be generated automatically by the school's MIS, and parts of them may not be editable manually. **It is essential** therefore for all relevant staff data to be entered into systems before the SWAC return is created.

5.6 Data protection and data sharing

The GDPR and the DPA mandate certain safeguards regarding the use of personal data by organisations, including the Welsh Government, local authorities and schools. Both give rights to those (known as data subjects) about whom data is processed such as pupils, parents and teachers. This includes (amongst other information that we are obliged to provide):

- the right to know the types of data being held;
- why it is being held; and

to whom it may be communicated.

For the purposes of data protection legislation, the terms 'process', 'processed' or 'processing' apply to any activity involving the personal data, such as (this list is not exhaustive):

- collecting;
- storing;
- sharing; and
- destroying.

It is vital as data processors and controllers in their own right, that schools process all data (not just that collected for the purposes of the census) in accordance with the full requirements of the GDPR. Further information on the GDPR can be found in the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) overview of the GDPR.

Schools and local authorities have a legal duty under the GDPR and the DPA to ensure that any personal data they process is handled and stored securely.

Where personal data is not properly safeguarded, it could compromise the safety of individuals and damage reputations. Your responsibility as a data controller extends to those who have access to your data beyond your organisation where they are working on your behalf; for example, where external IT suppliers can remotely access your information.

It is **vital** that all staff with access to personal data understand the importance of:

- protecting personal data;
- being familiar with your security policy; and
- putting security procedures into practice.

As such, appropriate training **must** be given to all staff to ensure full compliance with GDPR and the DPA.

5.7 Checklist

- Ensure that the latest updates have been applied to the schools' Management Information System (MIS).
- Are you complying with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)? Are privacy notices in place for all members of staff and shared with new members of staff?
- Do any of the changes in this year's workforce census apply to you?
- Are all staff details up to date and correct?
- Have the staff roles recorded against teachers been reviewed and checked against the updated staff role codeset descriptions?
- Have all mandatory fields been completed for all members of staff?
- Review the 'Status' field for all staff. Ensure 'Status' field is blank for any staff returning from a long term absence.
- Review the Welsh language ability recorded for all staff, reflecting any progress against the Welsh language competency framework for education practitioners.
- Have you recorded recruitment for your school?

- Have you recorded retention data for your school?Have you recorded supply data for your school?

6. Who supplies the data and what they supply?

6.1 Schools in and out of scope

Information on individuals working in the following types of maintained settings in Wales **must** be returned as part of the SWAC:

- nursery schools;
- primary schools;
- middle schools (through-age schools);
- secondary schools;
- special schools; and
- pupil referral units (PRUs).

As detailed in the Welsh Government's statutory School Organisation Code, the categories of "maintained schools" in Wales are community, voluntary controlled, voluntary aided, foundation and community special.

Information should **not** be provided for individuals in:

- early years settings;
- privately funded independent schools;
- non-maintained special schools;
- sixth form colleges;
- further education establishments;
- service children's education schools; and
- other miscellaneous education establishments.

The submission of the SWAC return, including a set of individual staff records, is a statutory requirement on schools and local authorities by virtue of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (Wales) Regulations 2017. This means that:

- although schools and local authorities must meet their obligations to data subjects under the DPA (see section 5.6), they do not need to obtain consent for the provision of information from individual members of the workforce;
- schools and local authorities are protected from any legal challenge that they are breaching a duty of confidence to staff members; and
- schools and local authorities **must** complete a return.

6.2 Who supplies the data

Each school **must** submit a **school** return. Local authorities are responsible as the central collection point for data from maintained schools within the authority, prior to the data being sent to the Welsh Government. There will be a need for the local authority to have their IMS data staff to validate the educational elements of the **school** return and for HR and/or payroll staff to validate any HR and/or payroll elements of the **school** return. The HR/payroll validators will need the necessary privileges to be able to access the necessary data on the local authority's IT systems in order to validate information in the **school** return. These do **not** have to be someone from HR and/or payroll specifically and can be IMS data staff if the local authority delegates the privileges to

them to access the required information to enable validation to happen. Since 2019, a new DEWi user account type was set up for the validators of the HR and/or payroll elements of the SWAC return.

6.3 Types of staff for which data are required

School staff

School workforce (individual) level data is required for teachers and support staff that work for schools if they are in post on the census date. The following, if they are in post on the census date, are examples of those for whom school workforce level data **must** be in the **school** and **pay**, **HR** and absences return:

- teachers employed by the school, both with and without QTS;
- support staff employed by the school;
- teachers working at the school who have been supplied by an agency or a local authority where the local authority is acting like a supply agency;
- staff on paid or unpaid absence, whether long or short term;
- trainee teachers on teaching practice;
- teachers on the School Direct programme, the Overseas Trained Teacher Programme (OTTP) and the Teach First program; and
- qualified teachers who form a *pool* to service schools, if they regularly teach in a specified school or schools.

School workforce level data does **not** need to be returned in the **school** return for the following:

- temporary relief or supply staff covering short term absences;
- casual staff without contracts, employed on an ad hoc basis;
- staff working in extended school service provision, for example, breakfast and after school clubs, Flying Start and children's centres;
- staff employed by the local authority that provides support to schools on an ad-hoc basis for example, peripatetic music teachers who are at a specified school for part of a day, advisory teachers, educational psychologists, educational welfare officers (*information on these will be submitted by the local authority only*);teachers only engaged in one to one tuition outside of school settings (e.g. for personal tuition or addressing barriers to learning that are personal and particular to each child, and it can take place in a town centre location such as a library);
- governors and voluntary staff; and
- staff for whom there is no role identifier code that equates to the function they carry out, for example, clerk to governors, school crossing patrol staff

If a member of staff works at two establishments, one which is in scope for the SWAC and one which is not, then information should be returned only for their activity which falls within scope of the SWAC. For example, a nursery assistant might work at a Flying Start centre and a maintained nursery and individual level data would need to be returned only for the portion of time they are working in the maintained nursery.

If schools are unsure about which staff they should include in the SWAC they should check with their local authority in the first instance.

Local authority based school staff

Where qualified teachers form a *pool* to service schools and teach in a specified school on a regular or routine basis (e.g. a peripatetic teachers who is at the school one day a week) as part of a formal or informal agreement, they **must** be recorded by the relevant school(s) as 'other teachers'.

Where a teacher is provided by a local authority acting as a supply agency on a long term basis, the individual **must** be recorded in the 'School' return as 'contracted supply teacher (non-agency)'.

Do **not** include individual level data for supply teachers which have been provided by an agency on a short-term or ad-hoc basis. Information on these **must** be included at an aggregated level as part of the supply module.

If local authorities are unsure about which staff they should include in the SWAC they should contact the Welsh Government.

Support staff

The SWAC covers teachers and support staff employed both full-time and part-time¹ in the maintained settings in Wales.

"Support staff"2 are comprised of:

- a) "Teaching assistants": Those support staff based in the classroom for learning and pupil support staff, for example, HLTAs, teaching assistants, special needs support staff, nursery officer/assistant, minority ethnic pupils support staff and bilingual assistants; and
- b) "Other support staff": Those support staff that are not classroom based for example, matrons/nurses/medical staff, librarians, IT technicians, technicians, administrative staff, bursars and other administration/clerical staff.

Further details on the staff members for whom data is to be collected can be found in annex D.

6.4 Data required for each staff member

The following set of data items is required for each teacher or member of support staff for whom individual level data is required to be provided in both the **school** and **pay**, **HR and absence** returns. This data is the minimum required for matching purposes between data systems (i.e. HR, payroll and school MIS) and over time to enable analysis of trends and ensure the accuracy and consistency of information submitted and reported.

The minimum data set for the **school** and **pay**, **HR and absence** returns for matching purposes consists of:

¹ Part-time staff who are normally present at the school, but work on days of the week other than the census reference date should be included.

² The full code set provided in Annex A and B identifies all support staff posts for which data is expected.

- Teacher Reference Number (TRN), except where not applicable to specific roles;
- surname;
- forename:
- middle name(s);
- date of birth;
- sex; and
- National Insurance number.

Further data items are required for members of staff for which individual level data is required. Annex A details the data items required for different staff role type.

6.5 Multiple records for a single member of staff

Many members of the school workforce may have more than one contract with a single school, or work in a number of schools. There is no limit to the number of simultaneous contracts that can be provided as part of the SWAC.

More than one record for an individual member of the school workforce would be returned in the SWAC in the following instances:

- where the person works in more than one school at different times throughout the
 week. Examples include; a) a teaching assistant who works two days in one
 school and three in another, and b) a supply teacher who is working one day a
 week at one school and two at another on a contracted basis. In both cases each
 school will be responsible for completing a record that reflects the time spent by
 the staff member in that school;
- where a person ceases working at one school and begins working at another school during the same collection period. In this case each school will be responsible to return a record that reflects the time spent in that school. A retention record (from phase 2) will be required from the school the person ceased to work for, whilst a regular census record will be required to be submitted by the new school;
- in the majority of cases, information on an individual member of staff will be returned as part of the school return, and pay and contract information as part of the pay, HR and absence return;
- where a staff member has more than one current contract, or are engaged to work at the school under more than one service agreement in a school. For example they have one part-time contract with the school as a teacher and another parttime contract as a teaching assistant. The school should only return a single set of modules in the **school** return for a member of the school workforce, identifying each separate role undertaken and, where required, the total hours worked per week for each role by the individual. However, multiple contracts, service agreements and roles (as well as both old and current contracts) must be returned within the **pay**, **HR** and absence return; and
- when a staff member ended a contract in the previous academic year and has a
 new contract at the date of the census in the same school, in which case both an
 historical record and a snapshot record will be required to reflect the reality.

6.6 Staff acting up

Where a workforce member is acting up within the same school, for example a deputy headteacher to a headteacher role, then the individual should be recorded in the **school** data return in their acting up role (e.g. acting headteacher).

The contracts details returned as part of **pay**, **HR and absence** data return should reflect the substantive post the individual is contracted to along with any responsibility allowances they may be in receipt of.

7. Summary of data items to be returned in the school return

The sections below show what data items are in each module, and which school setting types and staff types they should be returned for. Each field name in the below tables are hyperlinked to more detailed information about the data item within annex A.

In the below tables, the key to the school setting types is:

NS Nursery schools
 PS Primary schools
 MS Middle schools
 SS Secondary schools
 SP Special schools
 PR Pupil referral units

7.1 Survey details

Data type: **Snapshot**

Included in: School and pay, HR and absence returns

Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Survey extraction type	6	Alphanumeric	<survey></survey>	SWAC	>	✓	✓	>	>	✓
Survey reference date	10	Date	<referencedate></referencedate>	2025-11-04	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Person completing survey	2	Alphanumeric	<completerrole></completerrole>	ВМ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Survey completion time	3	Alphanumeric	<hours></hours>	005	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

7.2 School details

Data type: **Snapshot**

Included in: School and pay, HR and absence returns

Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
LEA number	3	Alphanumeric	<lea></lea>	660	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓
School number	4	Alphanumeric	<estab></estab>	4099	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
School name	100	Alphanumeric	<name></name>	Anglesey Comprehensiv e School	✓	√	✓	√	√	✓
School phase	2	Alphanumeric	<phase></phase>	SS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
School Language Category type	2	Alphanumeric	<schoollanguagecat egory></schoollanguagecat 	C3	Χ	✓	✓	✓	X	Χ

7.3 Workforce identifiers (Minimum data set)

Data type: Snapshot

Included in: School and pay, HR and absence returns

All data in this module should be maintained as changes occur. This module will be collected for all staff meeting the criteria given in section 6. Note that this is likely to include some staff that left the school during the academic year prior to the collection, for which contract or absence information is being provided.

Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Teacher reference number	7	Alphanumeric	<teachernumber></teachernumber>	5963274	~	✓	✓	✓	>	✓
Surname	35	Alphanumeric	<surname></surname>	Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Forename	35	Alphanumeric	<forename></forename>	Marc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Middle name(s)	35	Alphanumeric	<middlenames></middlenames>	Iwan Owen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sex	1	Alphanumeric	<sex></sex>	М	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Date of birth	10	Date	<dob></dob>	1990-03-31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National insurance number	9	Alphanumeric	<ninumber></ninumber>	JP235491D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

7.4 Workforce Characteristics

Data Type: **Snapshot** Included in: **School** return

Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Ethnic code	4	Alphanumeric	<ethnicity></ethnicity>	WBRI	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Disability status	4	Alphanumeric	<disability></disability>	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National identity	3	Alphanumeric	<nationalidentity></nationalidentity>	BRI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Qualified teacher status (QTS)	1	Boolean	<qtstatus></qtstatus>	1	✓	✓	✓	>	✓	✓
QTS date	10	Date	<qtsdate></qtsdate>	2017-07-30	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
QTS route	4	Alphanumeric	<qtsroute></qtsroute>	ITEU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Higher level teaching assistant (HLTA) status	1	Boolean	<hltastatus></hltastatus>	0	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓
National professional qualification for headship (NPQH) status	1	Boolean	<npqh></npqh>	1	✓	√	✓	√	√	✓
NPQH date	10	Date	<npqhdate></npqhdate>	2013-04-30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Welsh ability	2	Alphanumeric	<abilitywelsh></abilitywelsh>	W1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teach/work through the medium of Welsh	2	Alphanumeric	<teachwelsh></teachwelsh>	T2	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓
<u>Status</u>	3	Alphanumeric	<status></status>	MAT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Third party Staff	1	Boolean	<thirdparty></thirdparty>	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

7.5 Roles

Data Type: **Snapshot** Included in: **School** return

Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Staff roles	2	Alphanumeric	<staffrole></staffrole>	HT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FTE	4	Alphanumeric	<fte></fte>	0.88	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

7.6 Curriculum

Data Type: **Snapshot** Included in: **School** return

Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Subject	3	Alphanumeric	<subject></subject>	ART	Χ	Χ	✓	✓	Χ	Χ
Subject hours	5	Alphanumeric	<subjecthours></subjecthours>	5.00	Χ	Χ	✓	✓	Χ	Χ
Subject year group	2	Alphanumeric	<yeargroup></yeargroup>	1-14	✓	>	✓	✓	X	X
Lesson medium	1	Alphanumeric	<lessonmedium></lessonmedium>	E	✓	✓	√	√	Χ	Χ

7.7 Recruitment

Data Type: **Historical** Included in: **School** return

This covers all teacher vacancies in the previous academic year. Information must be provided for each teacher post that is permanent or a contract of one or more terms. If a school had no vacancies over the previous academic year then no information needs to be recorded. This information is used to identify potential areas of staff shortage in the teaching profession and to gauge the extent and effect of staff turnover.

For each unique post advertised between 1 September and 31 August of the academic year preceding the census reference date and for each teacher who left the profession or took early retirement please enter all the valid data items.

Schools will need to start capturing the required information from **1 September 2024** in readiness to submit the **school** return successfully in November 2025.

Field Name	Field Lengt h	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Vacancy reference number	2	Alphanumeric	<vacancyid></vacancyid>	1	<	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vacancy role	2	Alphanumeric	<staffrole></staffrole>	ΤH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vacancy subject	3	Alphanumeric	<subject></subject>	ART	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vacancy year group(s)	2	Alphanumeric	<yeargroup></yeargroup>	N1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Welsh medium vacancy	1	Boolean	<welshmediumvacancy></welshmediumvacancy>	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vacancy tenure	1	Alphanumeric	<tenure></tenure>	F	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vacancy start date	10	Date	<vacancystart></vacancystart>	2023-11- 30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vacancy end date	10	Date	<vacancyend></vacancyend>	2023-12- 20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Number of applications for vacancy	3	Alphanumeric	<totalnumberofapplications></totalnumberofapplications>	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Number of times vacancy advertised	2	Alphanumeric	<vacancyadvertised></vacancyadvertised>	2	<	✓	✓	✓	<	<
Appointmen t made	1	Boolean	<appointmentmade></appointmentmade>	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unfilled vacancy covered by	2	Alphanumeric	<vacancycover></vacancycover>	SM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

7.8 Retention

Data Type: **Historical** Included in: **School** return

This module covers members of staff who left their employment during the previous academic year (i.e. between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025). The information is used to identify potential areas of staff shortage in the teaching profession and to gauge the extent and effect of staff turnover.

For teacher retention include all teachers leaving their job, including voluntary or compulsory redundancy, early or normal age retirement, teachers' leaving the profession or leaving for another job in teaching or other roles in education. See code set in annex D for the full list. Do not include teachers who are on maternity leave, secondment or sickness absence.

Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Xml Tag	Sample Data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Leaver identifier	2	Alphanumeric	<leaverid></leaverid>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leaver role	2	Alphanumeric	<staffrole></staffrole>	QT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Leaver subject	3	Alphanumeric	<subject></subject>	ART	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leaver year group(s)	2	Alphanumeric	<yeargroup></yeargroup>	М	✓	>	✓	✓	✓	>
Destination of leaver	3	Alphanumeric	<leaverdestination></leaverdestination>	EDU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teaching experience	2	Alphanumeric	<teachingexperien ce=""></teachingexperien>	8	<	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

7.9 Supply

Data Type: **Historical** Included in: **School** return

This module contains aggregated data for the school for each supply type for the previous academic year (i.e. between **1 September 2024** and **31 August 2025**). One record should be in each **school** return for each combination of: supply category, supply planned and supply term.

All supply, including supply provided via supply agencies and supply provided directly via the local authority supply pool should be included.

Do **not** include:

'direct employed supply' who are supernumerary or floating teachers on a contract of a year or more with a school or lead school as part of a cluster.

These should be included as 'contracted supply teacher (non-agency)' in the individual level data as part of the **school** data return.

Field name	Field length	Field type	XML tag	Sample data	NS	PS	MS	SS	SP	PR
Supply category	4	Alphanumeric	<supplycategory></supplycategory>	TCHR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supply planned	1	Alphanumeric	<supplyplanned></supplyplanned>	U	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supply term	1	Alphanumeric	<supplyterm></supplyterm>	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Number of supply days	10	Alphanumeric	<supplydays></supplydays>	100	✓	√	✓	✓	√	✓
Total cost of supply	10	Alphanumeric	<supplycost></supplycost>	1000.00	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

8. Validation and error checking

Your software will provide a detailed report of validation errors and queries in your return. An 'error' is the presence of an illegal character or value in a data item, or a logical inconsistency between data items or between different aspects of the return.

'Queries' are of two kinds, they may relate to an unusual feature of the data (for example that no headteacher role record has been included), which suggests, but does not prove, the presence of some inaccuracy or omission; or they may be used as a prompt in areas where there seems a particularly high risk of omissions occurring – for example no curriculum record included. Queries of any kind need to be investigated to establish whether or not there is an inaccuracy or omission, although the conclusion may be that the data are in fact correct.

It is essential for you to resolve as many errors as possible before submitting the return to your local authority, and ideally to resolve all of them. It is also essential to investigate all queries, and to amend the data where it transpires that they are incorrect

Returns which, on arrival to the Welsh Government, contain errors may be rejected and will have to be re-submitted once errors have been rectified.

The school will be required to amend the errors in their MIS and upload the revised return file through DEWi, the online, secure data transfer system.

Returns will not be edited by the Welsh Government after being submitted via DEWi. The Welsh Government will not be applying an error threshold but will evaluate each return on its own merits.

Your local authority may be applying an error threshold to the return it receives from you, and you should check the details of that with them.

9. School summary

The school summary is generated automatically by the software. Its purpose is to allow the staff preparing the return, and the headteacher authorising it, to assess the likely accuracy and completeness of the return given that the return itself is too large readily to be viewed in its entirety.

The summary should be checked carefully, paying particular attention to those parts of it that might indicate that some individual school workforce data was not entered into your system prior to generating the return, such as:

- number (headcount and FTE) of staff by sex and main role;
- number of staff by relevant qualification;
- number of staff by ethnic group;
- disability status of staff;
- number of staff by Welsh language ability; and
- number of teachers and teaching assistants and teaching hours by subjects/year group.

Finally the summary shows the total number of unresolved errors and queries in the return, providing some indication of whether the return is likely to be accepted by the Welsh Government.

Please note that the school summary varies according to school type and therefore not all of the examples listed will be relevant to your school.

10. Data file creation for submission

10.1XML data extraction

The file extension will be XML.

The file name shall be constructed from the following components:

- (a) origin identifier (7 digits)³
- (b) survey extraction type (3 characters)⁴
- (c) destination identifier (7 characters)⁵
- (d) serial number (3 digits)⁶

The components should be separated by underscore characters (" ").

The file name will differ slightly dependent on the data components and the source of the file.

Schools which have **opted out** of SLAs with their local authority for HR and payroll will be required to return separate files for both the school data modules and local authority modules.

a) An example of a **School Workforce Annual Census** file for a **school** return for the data modules completed by schools would be:

6602050_SWC_660SC25_001.XML

b) An example of a **School Workforce Annual Census** file for the **pay**, **HR and absence** return for the data modules completed by local authorities would be:

6609100 SWC 660LA25 001.XML

c) An example of a School Workforce Annual Census file for the pay, HR and absence return from a school which has opted out from a local authority HR/payroll SLA for the data modules completed by opted out schools would be:

6602050_SWC_660LA25_001.XML

where '25' are the last two digits of the year, and therefore appropriate to the annual school census with a census date of 04/11/2025.

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³ The origin identifier is made up of the 3 digit LEA number and the 4 digit establishment number, in total making the 7 digit school/establishment number.

⁴ For SWAC data the survey type in the file name will be "SWC".

⁵ For transfers from schools to local authorities as part of the **school** return, the destination identifier will be the LEA number of the receiving local authority followed by "SC" and then "25" where "25" is the last two digits of the academic year. For transfers from local authorities to the Welsh Government (examples (b) and (c) above) for the **pay**, **HR and absence** return, or from **opted out** schools, the destination identifier will be the LEA number of the submitting local authority/**opted out** school followed by "LA" and then "25"

⁶ The serial number is the 3 digit file version. The first file in the series shall be "001", the second "002" etc. Each newly submitted file **must** have a higher serial number than previously uploaded versions.

The total file name length is 27 characters. For files not yet authorised by the school the file extension should be changed from XML to UNA.

11. Submitting the return via DEWi

Once the SWAC **school** return has been authorised by the headteacher it should be sent, via DEWi, at the same time as the school summary to your local authority. The mechanics of the transmission process will vary from one authority to another, so please contact your local authority for details.

Schools which have **opted out** of SLAs with their local authority for HR and/or payroll will still be required to submit their **school** return through their local authority.

The deadline for submission of your SWAC return to the Welsh Government is **17 December 2025**. Each local authority sets a deadline for submission of school returns to the local authority. Please check with your local authority the deadline for submission of your return to them.

12. Further information

If you need further advice on the completion of any part of your SWAC return, please contact your local authority in the first instance.

If there are questions which cannot be resolved this way, then they or you should contact the Welsh Government.

Full guidance for completing the **pay**, **HR and absence** data return element of the SWAC is available here.

Annex A: School return code sets

The purpose of this annex is to provide full information on each SWAC data field in an easily digestible format.

In this annex, each field specified in the November 2025 SWAC collection are listed with the details regarding that field provided in a standard format. An explanation of what is included in each part of the field template is given below.

Format for data fields in annex Field name Name of field Field length Length of field in terms of the number as used in XML of characters file submitted to the Welsh Government by your software Field type Type of field Mandatory for Which types of [Alphanumeric, schools must Numeric. complete this Boolean or section Date] Information on why this data is required and how it will be Reason required used. Valid entries List of values, and their descriptions, which may be returned within the data field. **Note**: these are the values required within the file submitted by your software system and they may differ to the way that the data is presented to you by your software. **Notes** Sample data: **Example** Any miscellaneous notes and further details, as well as an example of valid data which may be returned in the field and where this can be found.

Field name	Survey extraction type	Field length	6	
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All Schools	
	55			
Reason required	To identify which survey is Government.	being submitte	ed to the Welsh	
Valid entries	SWAC			
Valid entries Notes	SWAC Sample data: SWAC			

Field name	Survey reference date	Field length	10			
Field type	Date	Mandatory for	All Schools			
-	_					
Reason required	To identify the date on which the survey was completed.					
Valid entries	The date of submission to the Welsh Government.					
Notes	Sample data: 2025-11-04					
	The date on which the data was extracted in the format CCYY-MM-DD . This date should be defaulted to the 2025-11-04 (4 November 2025) by your school's MIS.					

Field name Field type	Person completing survey Field length 2 Alphanumeric Mandatory for All Schools				
Reason required Valid entries	To identify who completed the survey. HT Headteacher AC Acting headteachers DH Deputy headteacher AS Assistant headteachers QT Other qualified teacher AO Other administration staff BM School business manager or equivalent ON Other LA Local authority staff				
Notes	Sample data: BM The Welsh Government is committed to minimising the impact of data collections on schools and local authorities. Information on who completed the survey and the time taken to complete the survey is used to regularly review the survey to ensure that the demand it places on schools and local authorities is kept to the minimum necessary to maintain the quality of its output. This information will be used to report to the Office of National Statistics (ONS) as part of its Online List of Government Statistical Surveys (OLGSS).				

Field name	Survey completion time	Field length	3			
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All Schools			
Reason required	To identify in hours how long it took to complete the survey by all the different groups of staff who contributed.					
Valid entries	The valid number of hours					
Notes	Sample data: 5					
	The valid groups of staff are as listed above.					
	Under each appropriate heading enter the total time spent contributing to the SWAC return, rounding to the nearest whole hour.					

Field name	LEA Number	Field length	3
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All Schools
Reason required	To identify the local authorassociated.	rity with which the re	turning school is
Valid entries	Consisting of three digits,	in the range:	
	660 Isle of Anglesey 661 Gwynedd 662 Conwy 663 Denbighshire 664 Flintshire 665 Wrexham 666 Powys 667 Ceredigion 668 Pembrokeshire 669 Carmarthenshire 670 Swansea 671 Neath Port Talbot 672 Bridgend 673 Vale of Glamorgan 674 Rhondda Cynon Ta 675 Merthyr Tydfil 676 Caerphilly 677 Blaenau Gwent 678 Torfaen 679 Monmouthshire 680 Newport 681 Cardiff		
Notes	Sample data: 660		

Field name	School number	Field length	4
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All Schools
Reason required	To identify the returning scho	ool.	
Valid entries	Consisting of four digits, in the	ne ranges:	
	Consisting of four digits, in the ranges: 1000 – 1099 Nursery schools 1100 – 1199 Pupil Referral Units 1900 – 1999 EOTAS (used before 2010 - see 9000) 2000 – 2999 Community primary schools 3000 – 3299 Voluntary controlled primary schools 3300 – 3399 Voluntary aided primary schools 4000 – 4499 Community secondary schools 4500 – 4599 Voluntary Controlled secondary schools 4600 – 4699 Voluntary Aided secondary schools 5200 – 5299 Foundation primary schools 5400 – 5499 Foundation secondary schools 5500 – 5699 Community Middle Schools 5700 – 5799 Foundation Middle Schools 5800 – 5899 Voluntary Controlled Middle Schools 5900 – 5999 Voluntary Aided Middle Schools 6000 – 6999 Independent schools 7000 – 7999 Special schools 9000 EOTAS 9100 For Local Authorities completing the SWAC pay, human resource (HR) and absence data return		schools sools sools g the SWAC pay,
Notes	Sample data: 4099		
	Consisting of four digits, in the above. It is essential for the correct and up to date. Any old value of either code) is lill return by the Welsh Governr	LEA and school rerror (including the	number to be e provision of an

Field name	School name	Field length	100
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All Schools
Reason required	To identify the correct school is to maintain up-to-date records		ning school so as
Valid entries	The full name of the school		
Notes	Sample data: Anglesey	Comprehensive	School
	Check here for the name of yo Government here.	ur school currently	held by the Welsh

Field name Field type	School phase Alphanumeric	Field length Mandatory for	2 All Schools
Reason required	To indicate the phase of educa schools.	ation offered by m	ainstream
Valid entries	NS Nursery school PS Primary school SS Secondary school SP Special school MS Middle school PR Pupil referral unit		
Notes	Sample data: SS		

Field name	School language category	Field length 2	
		· ·	
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for PS/SS/MS	
Reason required	To describe the school's lar defined set of values.	nguage category according to a	
Valid entries	 C1 English medium school/provision T2 English medium school/provision or those witha high proportion of Welsh provision transitioning to being a dual language (Welsh and English) school/provision over time C2 Dual language (Welsh and English) school/provision T3 Dual language (Welsh and English) school/provision transitioning to being a Welsh medium school/provision over time C3 Welsh medium school/provision CP Designated Welsh medium secondary school/provision 		
Notes	Sample data: C3		
	Schools should refer to the Welsh Government's Guidance on school categories according to Welsh medium provision published in 2021 below to see the full description of provision for each category.		
	Guidance on School categories according to Welsh-medium provision		
	Most schools will fall into category 1 English-medium or category 3 Welsh-medium. Unless agreed otherwise with the Local Authority, English-medium and Welsh medium schools should record the corresponding category under the new arrangements.		
	Schools currently categorised as bilingual schools: 2A, 2B, 2C or 2D, or English with significant use of Welsh or Welsh with significant English use, could fall into category 2, 3 or into one of the transitional categories (T2 and T3). As part of the Local Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan, schools identified as having the potential to increase their provision of Welsh should already be in consultation wit the Local Authority with regard to the school's language category. Primary and middle schools are able to record more than or category to accurately reflect their provision eg current du stream schools or newly amalgamated middle schools.		

Field name	Teacher reference number	Field length	7
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All qualified teaching staff
Reason required	To record the unique teache staff that have one.	r reference num	ber (TRN) for all
Valid entries	The valid 7-digit TRN for the	member of staff.	
Notes	Sample data: 5963274		
	This is a unique TRN, also I members of staff who have qualified teachers must have	one this is a uni	
	This is the seven-digit TRN a	llocated to:	
	 all teachers with Qualifie people who enter their f training; 		
	 people working towards QTS on employment based training schemes; and 		
	 those without QTS who Pension Scheme. 	participate in the	e Teachers'
	The TRN will be 7 digits. Please ensure that only the correct seven digit number is supplied.		
	If a member of staff has a Teacher Number from England or Wales then this should be provided. The following should not be provided:		
	 Scottish Teacher Numbers; Northern Irish Teacher Numbers; foreign or overseas teacher numbers; and made up numbers such as 0000001, temporary teacher numbers or 'TBC'. If a number from England or Wales cannot be provided then the field should be left blank.		
	Characters such as '/' must be removed and should not be included in the XML file and only numerical characters should be used. There should be no special characters, spaces or alpha characters included. The removal of any non-numerical values should be done automatically by your MIS software		haracters should ers, spaces or ny non-numerical

upon extracting the data.

Where no number is supplied for an individual in a teaching role an error will be generated in DEWi, and a note will need to be written against the query to explain why a TRN has not been submitted.

Schools must make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the TRNs provided. If an accurate number cannot be ascertained then the data item should be left blank. The TRN will be used in linking data from the **school** and **pay**, **HR** and absence returns.

Where a teacher is working in several schools, each school **must** report the TRN; see section 6 on multiple records for a single member of staff.

Field name	Surname	Field length	35
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of Workforce
Reason required	To identify the correct surname for each staff member as to maintain up-to-date records.		
Valid entries	The full surname of the staff member as the school believes it to be.		
Notes	Sample data: Jones		
	This must be the full surname.		
	Employers should have verified the checks with the Disclosured provided by a third party, then checked. Do not include forem	e and Barring Servi their identity shou	ice. If staff are Id have been

Field name	Forename	Field length	35
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of Workforce
Reason required	To identify the correct forename for each staff member as to maintain up-to-date records.		
Valid entries	The full forename of the workforce member, not shortened or familiar versions.		
Notes	Sample data: Marc		
	The forename must not be shortened or familiar versions. Suppliers and users are welcome to use a 'known as' field locally, but the department is not collecting it because standardising on the legal name gives a firm basis for matching. Do not include middle name(s) or surnames in this field.		

Field name	Middle name(s)	Field length	35
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of Workforce
Reason required	To identify the correct middle name(s) for each staff member as to maintain up-to-date records.		
Valid entries	The full middle name(s) of the staff member, not shortened or familiar versions.		
Notes	Sample data: Iwan Owen		
	The full middle name(s) of the member of staff.		
	The middle name(s) must not be shortened or familiar versions. More than one middle name can be entered for each staff member. Do not include forenames or surnames in this field.		

Field name	Sex	Field length	1
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify the correct sex for each workforce member as to maintain up-to-date records.		
Valid entries	M Male F Female		
Notes	Sample data: M		
	Identifies the sex of a person as recognised in law, such as that used on a birth certificate or on a gender recognition certificate (for individuals over 18 and have lived in their acquired gender for more than two years), using M or F as the available options.		

Field name	Date of birth	Field length	10
Field type	Date	Mandatory for	All of Workforce
Reason required	To identify the correct date of birth for each staff member as to maintain up-to-date records.		
Valid entries	Date in the format CCYY-MM-DD.		
Notes	Sample data: 1990-03-3	31	
	This is the date of birth of the staff member using the format CCYY-MM-DD (for example, for 31 March 1990 = 1990-03-31). Schools must enter the correct date of birth for the staff member. Dates of birth are used in matching census data from the different information systems (i.e. school IMS, payroll and HR systems) and from different years so it is important that this data is correct across all systems.		

Field name	National insurance number	Field length	9
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To record the national insura	nce (NI) number	s of the workforce.
Valid entries	The valid 9 character NI num	ber for the mem	ber of staff.
	The NI number must meet th	e following requi	rements:
	 first 2 characters must characters 3 to 8 must final character must be first character must not second character must 	be numeric; A, B, C, D or spa be D,F,I,Q,U; ar	nd
Notes	Sample data: JP235491D		
	NI numbers must be provided for all staff in the return. Schools should make every effort to ensure a NI number can be provided for each member of staff.		
	This field is used for matching purposes and for tracking individuals over time so that statistics can be produced on leng of service, turnover etc. Leaving the field blank will generate an error and a note will need to be added to the return to explain why no NI number has been provided. Temporary NI numbers must not be returned.		produced on length k will generate an return to explain
	If a teacher is working in sever report this item, see section 6 member of staff.		

Field name	Ethnic code	Field length	4
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify the ethnic group identifies themselves.	with which the	member of staff
Valid entries	Valid ethnic background code as detailed in annex B of this document.		
Notes	Sample data: WBRI		
	This is the ethnicity of the staff member using the code set in annex B. This code set is the same as the set used in PLASC.		
	Data on ethnicity needs to be handled sensitively. The key point is that ethnicity data should be supplied by the staff members themselves and if they wish they can refuse to provide it, though it should always be requested. There are therefore options in the code set for "information refused" and "information not obtained" and this data item must always be completed and returned for the SWAC.		
	Information on ethnicity is col national ethnic monitoring an completeness of information background of the workforce.	d improving the q available on the e	uality and

Field name	Disability s	status	Field length	4
Field type	Alphanum	eric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify	workforce with a c	lisability.	
Valid entries	YES NO NOBT REFU	Yes No Information not Refused	yet obtained	

Notes Sample data: NO

It is for schools to decide how best to collect this information and for staff themselves to decide whether they want to declare that they have a physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more.

It will be important to assure staff that the information they disclose will be handled sensitively and confidentially and used to improve opportunities and outcomes for them. 45,000 public bodies across the United Kingdom are covered by the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) Regulations 2011, more commonly known as the "public sector equality quty", which came into force under the Equality Act 2010. The duty is meant to ensure that all public bodies - such as central or local government, schools, health trusts or emergency services – pay 'due regard' to the advancement of equality of opportunity for disabled people in every area of their work. The Equality and Human Rights Commission produced a range of information on the public sector equality duty.

Disability information should be provided by the staff member themselves and they can refuse to provide it. There are therefore options in the code set for "refused" and "information not yet obtained", though it **should** always be requested.

Field name	National identity	Field length	3
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of Workforce
Reason required	To indicate the national gr member identifies themse	•	workforce
Valid entries	WAL Welsh ENG English SCO Scottish IRE Irish BRI British OTH Other REF Refused NOS Not Specified		
Notes	Sample data: BRI		
	This field is to identify the member of staff identifies		th which the
	The code set for National and "not supplied". The da categorised as one of thes returned populated with a	nta subject can ther se but the data field	efore be

Field name	Qualified teacher status (QTS)	Field length	1
Field type	Boolean	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify whether member Status (QTS).	of staff holds C	Qualified Teacher
Valid entries	1 True 0 False		
Notes	Sample data: 1		
	This data item is required for return and indicates whether that a person has a TRN doe have QTS. Teachers without Teachers' Pension Scheme.	they have QTS or not necessarily	or not. The fact y mean that they

Field name	QTS date	Field length	10
Field type	Date	Mandatory for	All individuals with a QTS
Reason required	To identify what date the indi	vidual obtained (QTS.
Valid entries	CCYY-MM-DD		
Notes	Sample data: 2017-07	-30	
	This is the date the person's QTS was awarded. This data item is only required for records which have returned a 1 (for true) for the QTS field.		

Field name	QTS route		Field length	4
Field type	Alphanume	eric	Mandatory for	All Qualified Teacher staff
Reason required	To identify v	which route a per	son took to acqu	iring their QTS.
Valid entries	ITEU	Initial Teacher	Education – Und	ergraduate
	ITEP		Education – Pos	t graduate
	OTTP RTPR GTPR TFST RECG	Overseas Trained Teacher Programme Registered Teacher Programme Graduate Teacher Programme Teach First Programme Mutual Recognition from NI, Scotland or the EEA Flexible Routes Overseas Trained Teacher, not yet on programme School Direct School Direct (Salaried) Annual College Exit – Graduate course Annual College Exit – Post graduate course		
	FLEX OTTN			yet on
	SCD SCDS ACEG ACEP			
Notes	Sample data: ITEU			
	This item indicates which route a person took to acquiring their QTS, as laid out in the code set in annex D. This data item is only required for records which have returned a 1 (for true) for QTS.			D. This data
	Teachers on the Overseas Trained Teacher Programme (OTTP) must be given the code OTTP . However, overseas trained teachers who have not yet signed up for the programme must be given the code OTTN (for Overseas Trained Teacher, not yet on Programme).			

Field name	Higher level teaching assistant (HLTA) status	Field length	1
Field type	Boolean	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify whether member assistant (HLTA) status.	of staff holds high	ner level teaching
Valid entries	1 True 0 False		
Notes	Sample Data: 0		
	This indicates if a member of staff has acquired HLTA status or not.		
	If a person has HLTA status but is not currently working as an HLTA, then the status should still be returned as 1 (for true). HLTA status refers to a person who has secured the HLTA accredited status rather than whether they are currently working as an HLTA. To achieve HLTA status an individual undergoes assessment to ensure they fulfil the HLTA standards.		
	The HLTA status is required assistants included in the ret		and teaching

Field name	National professional qualification for headship (NPQH) status	Field length	1
Field type	Boolean	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify whether meml Professional Qualification for		
Valid entries	1 True 0 False		
Notes	Sample Data: 0 This indicates whether the st Professional Qualification for be returned as 1 (for true) for and other school employed s regardless of the role(s) they	Headship (NPQ all teachers, tea taff who may hol	H). This should aching assistants d an NPQH

Field name	NPQH date	Field length	10
Field type	Date	Mandatory for	All those with a NPQH
Reason required	To identify what date the indi	vidual obtained N	NPQH.
Valid entries	CCYY-MM-DD		
Notes	Sample Data: 2013-04	-30	
	The date the person acquired returned for every person for returned for NPQH.		

Field name	Welsh ability	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify the Welsh langu	uage ability of each	member of staff
Valid entries	 W1 No Welsh language W2 Entry Level W3 Foundation Level W4 Intermediate Level W5 Advanced Level W6 Proficient Level W7 Information not yet of 		
Notes	Sample data: W1		
	To identify the Welsh linguistic skills of the of the staff member, measured against the Welsh Language Competency Framework for education practitioners. Each member of the workforce should self-assess their skills in line with the framework and agreed with their line manager. The data will enable schools, regional consortia and Welsh Government to have a better understanding of the Welsh language skills of practitioners in order to plan professional learning to enable continued development of skills in		age tioners. ssess their skills eir line manager. tia and Welsh of the Welsh n professional
	Government to have a better understanding of the Welsh		

Field name	Teach or working through the medium of Welsh	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify whether each member of staff is currently teaching/working through the medium of Welsh		
Valid entries	 T1 Teaching/Working the current post T2 Able to teach/work the not doing so in current T3 Not able to teach/work T4 Teaching Welsh as a second current 	rough the mediu post through the med	um of Welsh but
Note	Sample data: T2 To identify whether the indivious their day-to-day work in the control of the c	ontext of the sch	ool. school

Field name	Status	Field length	3
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify individuals who a the school.	are on a long ter	m absence from
Valid entries	MPA Maternity/Paternity/Adoption Leave SEC Secondment Out from school SAB Sabbatical leave OTH Other		
Note	Sample data: MPA		
	To identify whether the individual is on a (or expected to be) long-term absence from the school of greater than a term (e.g. maternity/paternity/adoption leave, secondment, sabbatical).		
	Individuals who are absent from school for any other reason for a period of longer than a term (e.g. suspension, long-term sickness absence etc) should be recorded as 'OTH' (Other).		
	The purpose of this data item is to avoid double-counting individuals when reporting and publishing headcount figures (i.e. including an individual on long-term absence and an individual employed to fill their post on a temporary basis) at to minimise the number of validation errors triggered in DEV (e.g. missing curriculum records for a qualified teacher who on maternity leave).		adcount figures ence and an oorary basis) and ggered in DEWi
	It is important that the status submitting the data, ensuring from a long-term absence is reporting of the number of st	g that the status f removed to ensu	or staff returning ire accurate

Field name	Third party staff	Field length	1
Field type	Boolean	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify individuals who a authority.	re not employed	through the local
Valid entries	1 True 0 False		
Note	Sample data: 1		
Note	Sample data: 1 To identify whether the indivious through the local authority (e another organisation providing the same than th	.g. through a sup	ply agency or

Roles Staff role Field name Field length 2 **Alphanumeric** Field type Mandatory for All of workforce To identify the role(s) performed by each member of staff. Reason required Valid entries Please refer to annex D. **Notes** Sample data: HT At least one role must be returned per member of staff. Where a person has more than one role in a school all of these must be provided. The list of roles (see annex D) include main roles (e.g. headteacher, qualified teacher, leading practitioner, HLTA) where at least one of these roles must be returned for each individual member of staff and the contracted hours per week must be provided. For each member of staff, any additional (optional) role (e.g. head of department, head of year, cover supervisor) that they may undertake as part of their main role should be entered. No hours are required to be returned for these roles. The role identifier of executive headteacher should be used for a headteacher who directly leads two or more schools in a federation or other partnership arrangement. Teachers of ethnic minorities should be assigned the role of 'minority ethnic support' and teachers of English as a foreign language should be assigned the role of 'language support'. The list of codes includes 2 separate codes for ALNCO's – one as a 'Main' role and a second as an 'Optional' role. The code 'SP' (ALN Co-ordinator (for individuals where it is their primary role)) should be selected the ALNCO is the individuals primary role within the school and the relevant 'FTE' value for the role should be entered. The code 'SC' (ALN Co-ordinator (as an additional role to main responsibilities)) should be selected where the ALNCO role is undertaken by an individual in addition to their main day-to-day role. For example, a headteacher who is also the schools' ALN co-ordinator. In this example, the role 'HT' would be selected as the individuals 'Main' role and the relevant FTE value

entered, and an 'Additional' role of 'SC' recorded.

For staff with roles not included in the code set the role that reflects the function of the staff member most closely should be selected. For example, the role identifier of headteacher would be appropriate for the principal. If it is not possible to find an appropriate role it may be that such staff should not be included in the SWAC, for example, clerk to the governors, school crossing patrol staff and cleaners. Schools may wish to check with their local authority in the first instance about staff for whom they cannot find roles to check whether they should be included in the return.

Under section 67 of the Children and Families Act 2014, all mainstream schools are expected to have an ALN co-ordinator and this must be reflected in the return. A query will be raised in cases where a role of ALN co-ordinator is not included in a **school** return and a note will need to be added to the return to explain why there is no ALN co-ordinator role included.

Roles Field length Field name FTE 5 **Alphanumeric** Mandatory for All of Field type workforce To reflect the hours worked per week as a proportion of FTE Reason required hours. Valid entries A number in the format 9.99. **Notes** Sample Data: 0.88 For staff employed full time it is essential that the total aggregates to 1.00. If the hours worked per week are even slightly less than the FTE hours the staff member will be counted as part time. Where an individuals' hours worked per week exceed the FTE hours the FTE value should be recorded as 1.00. The FTE across all 'Main' roles should be split to reflect the distribution of their work in the school. How the FTE is derived for staff may vary depending on the type of role undertaken. For teachers this will generally be based on a full time week of 32.5 hours with a teachers' FTE calculated as their contracted hours divided by 32.5. For other specific support staff roles where they may work on different contracted hours, their FTE should be calculated based on the actual hours worked as a percentage of the hours which a full time employee in the post or role would work within a school week, and not based on the number of weeks per year they are contracted to work in a year. Where and individual works on a 2 week work pattern the FTE values should reflect their roles for the whole 2 week period. For example, if the individual works 2 days a week in week 1 and 3 days a week in week 2, the FTE should be recorded as 0.50 (2.5 days a week). If an individual is working in several schools then each school must report this item reflecting the amount of time the individual spends in each school, see Note on staff working in multiple schools. For this reason the total of an individuals' FTE across all roles within a 'School' return may differ from the FTE value recorded against their contract in the SWAC Pay, HR and

Absences return. Therefore, there is no validation between the FTE values returned in the returns.

FTE ratio	For teachers: Contracted hours per week (full time = 32.5 hours)	Other specific roles
0.10	3.25	Equivalent to 0.5 days a week
0.20	6.5	Equivalent to 1 day a week
0.30	9.75	Equivalent to 1.5 days a week
0.40	13	Equivalent to 2 days a week
0.50	16.25	Equivalent to 2.5 days a week
0.60	19.5	Equivalent to 3 days a week
0.70	22.75	Equivalent to 3.5 days a week
0.80	26	Equivalent to 4 days a week
0.90	29.25	Equivalent to 4.5 days a week
1.00	32.5	Equivalent to 5 days a week

Midday Supervisor roles and FTE – where an individual is employed in a specific role on a full-time basis and has a separate contract to undertake a Midday Supervisor role, their full-time equivalence should be recorded as 1.0 against the their main role and the 'FTE' for the 'MS' - Midday Supervisor role calculated as the number of hours worked as a ratio of the full time hours in a school week for their main role in addition. In this case, the total of their FTE across all roles may be greater than 1.

Where an individual undertakes some midday supervisor duties as part of their main role (e.g. teachers on lunchtime yard duties) additional FTE should not be recorded against the 'MS' Midday Supervisor role.

Some examples of how roles should be recorded:

<u>Example 1:</u> a member of the workforce works full time as a headteacher. Role1 = HT (Headteacher); FTE = 1.0.

Example 2: a member of the workforce works 3 days a week as a teacher and 2 days a week as a teaching assistant.

Role1 = QT (Qualified teacher); FTE = 0.6. Role2 = TA (Teacher assistant); FTE = 0.4.

Example 3: a member of the workforce works full time as a classroom teacher and as part of their job undertake the duties of Head of Department and ALN co-ordinator in addition to their classroom teaching. Role1 = QT (Qualified teacher); FTE = 1.0. Role2 = HD (head of department). Role3 = SC (ALN co-ordinator (as an additional role to main responsibilities)). (No FTE should be returned for roles 2 and 3.

<u>Example 4:</u> a member of the workforce works full time and has Qualified Teacher Status. The individual's primary role is as a ALN co-ordinator and does not undertake any classroom teaching. Role1 = SP (ALN co-ordinator (for individuals where it is their primary role)); FTE = 1.0.

<u>Example 5:</u> a member of the workforce works 3 days a week as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in school A and 2 days a week as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in school B.

School A - Role1 = HL (Higher Level Teaching Assistant); FTE = 0.6.

School B - Role1 = HL (Higher Level Teaching Assistant); FTE = 0.4.

<u>Example 5:</u> a member of the workforce works full time 5 days a week as a Teaching Assistant totalling 30 hours. In addition, they also work 1 hour for each of the 5 days as a midday supervisor under a separate contract.

Role1 = TA (Teaching Assistant); FTE = 1.0. Role 2 = MS (Midday Supervisor); FTE = 5 hours / 30 hours (full time hours for their main role) = 0.17. Total FTE = 1.17.

Curriculum

Field name	Subject	Field length	3
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All teachers and teaching assistant with a timetable
Reason required	To identify the subject of taugl	nt or supports.	
Valid entries	Valid subject codes (see anne	ex C).	
Notes	Sample data: ART		
	This indicates the subject an i	ndividual is timeta	bled to teach or

The following codes from the general subject code set have

The following codes from the general subject code set have restrictions on them with regards to their use in the curriculum module:

- modern foreign languages: please use the specific language subject codes (for example, French, or other language subject), rather than the general modern foreign languages code;
- science: please use the specific science subject codes (for example, biology, chemistry, physics or combined science), rather than the general science code. Science should however be used for Key Stage 3 (KS3) science; and
- design and technology: where possible please use the specific codes (for example, design and technology – electronics, design and technology - food technology, design and technology – graphics, design and technology), rather than the general design and technology code.

The Curriculum for Wales guidance framework does not recommend a timetable structure. Schools should work imaginatively to organise the school day, week and year in ways that will ensure breadth and progression in each young person's learning while avoiding the fragmentation that can arise from an exclusively subject-based timetable.

As explicitly set out in the guidance published in January 2020, the curriculum does not require schools to develop a timetable structured along the lines of the Areas of Learning and Experience or to organise staffing on that basis.

Curriculum **Subject hours** Field name Field length 5 **Alphanumeric** Mandatory for Field type All teachers and teaching assistant with a timetable Reason required To identify the number of hours over a typical 10 weekday period that the teacher or teaching assistant is timetabled to teach or support each subject to each NC year group in each lesson language medium. Valid entries 99.99 **Notes** Sample data: 5.00 This indicates the number of hours in a typical week that the teacher or teaching assistant is timetabled to teach or support each subject to each year group in the each medium. Hours can be recorded to two decimal places and must not be written as a mixture of hours and minutes. For example: 45 minutes, which must be recorded as three guarters of an hour - that is, 0.75, rather than 0.45; and one and a guarter hours, must be recorded as 1.25, rather than 1.15. If a school operates a six day week, then the total over the six days must be submitted. If a school operates a timetable cycle covering two or more weeks, an average figure over that period should be calculated and submitted. Most timetabling systems will have facilities to create a weekly average picture from the data across the whole cycle, and it is this feature that should be used. If the school timetable is structured so that it is not easy to calculate an average figure, or the timetabling software does not facilitate such calculations, then a figure to represent a typical week may be submitted.

Curriculum

Field name	Subject year group	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All teachers and teaching assistant with a timetable
Reason required	To identify the year group(s) taught by each individual in each lesson language medium.		
Valid entries		ar m not followed – a where pupils are	•
Notes	This indicates the national curriculum (NC) year group that each teacher or teaching assistant teaches/supports. If your system allows, this should reflect the NC year group to whom the lesson would normally be taught, not the age of the pupils in the class. For example, if a group of year 12 pupils is taking an additional GCSE as part of their AS year the NC year group value required is either 10 or 11, depending on the lesson, to reflect the content being taught. Where a teacher or teaching assistant teaches/supports a lesson with a combination of reception, nursery and year group 1 to 6 pupils record the year group as M (for mixed).		

Curriculum

Field name	Lesson medium	Field length	1
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All teachers and teaching assistant with a timetable
Reason required		ge medium of each less nes and/or supports to ea	
Valid entries	E English W Welsh B Bilingual		
Notes	Sample Data: E		
	English or bilingual. A	e lesson is taught in. It pilingual lesson is defind eaching and learning thr English.	ed as one that
	Examples:		
		both English and Welsh nen lesson medium sho	
	lesson and a different	ners are taught in Welsh group of learners are ta ne same lesson then les B (for bilingual).	ught through the

Field name Field type	Vacancy reference number Alphanumeric	Field length Mandatory for	2 All schools
Reason required	To identify a unique number for each vacancy.		
Valid entries	A number in the range of 1-99.		
Notes	Sample Data: 1 This is a unique number for eafrom 1. Your software should cases where it does not please unique. Include vacancies advertised exinternally only should be excluded.	automatically allo e ensure that the cternally only. Vaca	cate this, but in number is

Field name	Vacancy role	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required	To indicate the post of the va	cancy within the	school.
Valid entries	HT Headteacher AC Acting headteacher DH Deputy headteacher AS Assistant headteacher QT Qualified teacher UQ Unqualified teacher LP Leading practitioner HL Higher level teaching a TA Teaching assistan classroom FA Foreign language assi SN Additional learning need SC ALN co-ordinator TD Teacher of the Deaf TV Teacher of the Visually	assistant (HLTA) t/aides emplo istant/language su eds support staff	•
Notes	If a school has no vacancies the recorded. This should adhere codes which are valid for the Note that support staff and a 'Roles' code set but schools about any vacancies for these for vacant teacher and teach above.	to the appropriate recruitment moduled dvisory teacher a do not need to preposts. Information	e 'Roles' subset ule. re included in the rovide information on is only required

Recruitment Field name Vacancy subject Field length 3 Field type **Alphanumeric** Mandatory for To identify the subject to which the vacancy relates. Reason required Valid entries Valid subject codes (See annex C). **Notes** Sample Data: **ART** This identifies the main subject of the vacant post where relevant, for example, French or mathematics. For some vacant posts, it may not be relevant to provide a subject code and the following advice should be followed:

applicable); and

(not applicable).

in nursery, primary or special schools and pupil referral units where the post is not for a specific subject select **NAP** (not

for head, deputy head and assistant head posts select NAP

Field name	Vacancy year group(s)	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required Valid entries	To identify the year group(s) of the vacancy. N1 Nursery first year N2 Nursery second year R Reception 1 Year 1 2 Year 2 13 Year 13 14 Year 14 M Mixed Year Class X National Curriculum not followed – for SWAC available for Special Schools where pupils are not following a particular NC Year; or available for some vacant posts where it may not be relevant to provide a year group (e.g. for		
Notes	Indicates which year group working with. Where a vac of year groups select M (minary not be relevant to province the adteacher roles). In the sused for this field should.	ancy is for a post xed). For some v ide a year group (covering a range acant posts it (e.g. for

Field name Field type	Welsh medium vacancy Boolean	Field length Mandatory for	1 All schools
Reason required	To identify if the successful a required to teach/work throug		
Valid entries	1 True 0 False		
Notes	Sample Data: 0		
	This indicates whether the su would be required to teach th		

Field name	Vacancy tenure	Field length 1	
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for All schools	
Reason required	To identify whether vacancy i	s full time or part time.	
Valid entries	F Full time P Part time		
Notes	Sample Data: F		
	Indicates whether the vacant	post is full (F) or part time (P).	

Field name	Vacancy start date	Field length	10
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required	To identify the date that the	post became vac	ant.
Valid entries	CCYY-MM-DD		
Notes	Sample Data: 2024-1	1-30	
	This should reflect the date	the post first beca	ame vacant.

Field name	Vacancy end date	Field length	10
Field type	Date	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required	To identify the date which the vacancy ended. Either through vacancy being filled or vacancy being closed.		
Valid entries	CCYY-MM-DD		
Notes	Sample Data: 2024-1	2-20	

Field name	Number of applications for vacancy	Field length	3
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required	To identify the total number of applications received for a post.		
Valid entries	Must be greater than or equal to 0		
Notes	Sample Data: 0		
	The number of applications a vacancy has been adver number of applications received	tised more than	once, the total

Field name	Number of times vacancy advertised	Field length 2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for All schools
Reason required	To identify the number of time	es the post was advertised.
Reason required Valid entries	To identify the number of time	es the post was advertised.

Field name Field type	• •	Field length 1 Mandatory for All schools
Reason required Valid entries	To identify whether or not an a 1 True 0 False	appointment has been made.
Notes	Sample Data: 0 This indicates whether or not made.	an appointment to fill the role was

Field name	Unfilled vacancy covered by	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required	To indicate how an unfilled	vacancy was cove	ered.
Valid entries	ST Supply teacher SM Senior management NS Non-specialist OT Other		
Notes	Sample Data: SM		
	To identify how a vacancy was covered whilst it was unfilled.		

Field name	Leaver identifier	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify a unique number for each leaver record.		
Valid entries	A number in the range of 1-99.		
Notes	Sample Data: 1		_
	This is a unique number for each leaver for the school starting from 1. Your software should automatically allocate this, but in cases where it does not please ensure that the number is unique.		

Field name	Leaver role	Field length	2		
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools		
Reason required	To indicate the post of the leaver within the school.				
Valid entries	HT Headteacher AC Acting headteacher DH Deputy headteacher AS Assistant headteacher QT Qualified teacher UQ Unqualified teacher LP Leading practitioner HL Higher level teaching TA Teaching assistant classroom FA Foreign language ass SN Additional learning ne SC ALN co-ordinator TD Teacher of the Deaf TV Teacher of the Visuall	assistant (HLTA) t/aides emplo istant/language su eds support staff	•		
Notes	Sample Data: QT If a school has no vacancies then no information needs to be recorded. This should adhere to the appropriate 'Roles' subset codes which are valid for the retention module. Note that certain support staff and advisory teacher are included in the 'Roles' code set but schools do not need to provide information about any leavers for these roles. Information is only required for teachers and teaching assistants in the code set above.				

Field name	Leaver subject	Field length	3		
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools		
Reason required Valid entries	To identify the subject taught by the leaver. Valid subject codes (see annex C).				
Notes	code set. This data items of secondary schools and for teaching the secondary cur may not be relevant to provi advice should be followed: • in nursery, primary or units NAP (not application)	Sample Data: ART The main subject the leaver was teaching, from the Subject code set. This data items only needs to be supplied for secondary schools and for middle school staff that were teaching the secondary curriculum. For some vacant posts, it may not be relevant to provide a subject code and the following advice should be followed: • in nursery, primary or special schools and pupil referral units NAP (not applicable); and • for head, deputy head and assistant head roles select			

Field name Field type	Leaver year group(s) Alphanumeric	Field length Mandatory for	2 All schools
Reason required	To identify the year group(s)	taught by the lea	aver
Valid entries	N1 Nursery first year N2 Nursery second year R Reception 1 Year 1 2 Year 2 13 Year 13 14 Year 14 M Mixed Year Class X National Curriculum of Special Schools where point of the second year of the year of th	ot followed – for upils are not follo it may not be re	SWAC available owing a particular
Notes	Sample Data: M		
	The year group the leaver taught or worked with. Where a leaver covered a range of year groups select M (mixed). For some vacant posts it may not be relevant to provide a year group (e.g. for headteacher roles). In these circumstances 'X' should be used for this field.		

Field name Field type	Destination of leaverField length3AlphanumericMandatory forAll schools
Reason required	To identify the leavers intended destination after employment.
Valid entries	 EDU Employed in a non-teaching capacity within the education system OUT Employed outside education SCH Employed at another school RET Early retirement NOR Retirement at normal retirement age OTH Other UNK Unknown
Notes	Sample Data: EDU

Field name	Teaching experience	Field length	2
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required	To identify the number of years of teaching experience since QTS of the leaver.		
Valid entries	Approximate number of years' teaching experience		
Notes	Sample Data: 8		
	How many years the teacher had been in teaching for before they left their post. For teaching assistant leaver records this field should be left blank.		

Supply			
Field name	Supply category	Field length	4
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All workforce
Reason required	To identify the category of supply used.		
Valid entries	TCHR Qualified Teacher HLTA Higher Level Teaching Assistant LSWK Teaching Assistant		
Notes	Sample Data: TCHR		
	This identifies the category of supply cover: qualified teacher; HLTA; or teaching assistant.		
	Supply cover for cover supervisor role should be recorded against the 'LSWK – Teaching Assistant' code.		

Supply			
Field name	Supply planned	Field length	1
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required	To identify whether supply cover was planned or unplanned.		
Valid entries	P PlannedU Unplanned		
Notes	Sample Data: U		
	This indicates whether the supply cover was to cover planned or unplanned absences.		
	Planned absences are defined as all absences where the reason is known and planned for in advance. Examples include parental leave, carers leave, planned professional learning etc.		
	Unplanned absences usually mean short term absence of daily or weekly in length to cover sickness absence or emergency cover.		

	Supply				
Field name	Supply term		Field length	1	
Field type	Alpha	numeric		Mandatory for	All schools
Reason required Valid entries	To ide	entify whether Short term Long term	supply cov	ver is short or lo	ng term.
Notes	Samp	le Data:	S		
	To identify whether the supply resource was to provide cover on a short-term or long-term basis.				
	Short term supply cover includes daily or weekly cover commissioned directly from commercial agencies where a school or local authority does not employ the individual. Short term supply includes cover for a maximum period of 12 weeks as stated in the Agency Workers Regulations 2010.				
	Long term supply cover are contracts where the supply cover is paid via the school or local authority payroll, usually to cover planned absences (for example parental leave, carers leave, planned long-term sick, sabbaticals and secondments etc.).				

Supply

Field name	Number of supply days	Field length	10
Field type	Alphanumeric	Mandatory for	All of workforce
Reason required	To identify the total number of days of supply cover by category.		
Valid entries	99999.9		
Notes	Sample Data: 100		

Supply Field name Total cost of supply Field length 10 Field type **Alphanumeric** Mandatory for All schools To identify the total cost of supply cover by category. Reason required Valid entries 9999999.99 **Notes** Sample Data: 1000.00 The total cost of supply for each supply category, planned and term. This should **include** the daily rate paid to agencies for agency employed staff, whether is through a Framework agency or not. For longer term contracts, this should reflect the amount paid for the individual in line with their pay point on the current School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD) or Independent Welsh Pay Review Body pay scales. Costs provided should exclude insurance premiums paid under local authority insurance arrangements.

Annex B: Ethnicity

Main codes		Extended codes		
WBRI	White - British			
WIRT	Traveller	WITH WNAG WOCC WOTT WSHP	Traveller of Irish Heritage 'New' Traveller Occupational Traveller Other Traveller Show Person	
WRGG WRRR	Gypsy	WOBG WOOG WOTG WOER	British Gypsy Gypsy from Other Countries Other Gypsy EU Roma	
		WOOR WOTR	Roma from Other Countries Other Roma	
WOTH	Any other white background	WALB	Albanian	
		WBOS	Bosnian-Herzegovinian	
		WBUL WCRO WCZE WFRE WGER WGRE WHUN WITA WKOS WLAT WLIT WMAL WMON WPOL WPOR WRMA WRUS WSCA WSER WSVK WSVN WSPA WTUR WUKR WEUR WOTW	Bulgarian Croatian Czech French German Greek/Greek Cypriot Hungarian Italian Kosovan Latvian Lithuanian Maltese Montenegran Polish Portuguese Romanian Russian Scandinavian Serbian Slovakian Slovenian Spanish Turkish/Turkish Cypriot Ukranian White European Other Other White	

MWBC White and Black Caribbean **MWBA** White and Black African **MWAS** White and Asian MOTH Any Other Mixed MWCH White And Chinese Background MWOE White And Any Other Ethnic Group MABL Asian And Black MACH Asian And Chinese Asian And Any Other Ethnic MAOE Group **Black And Chinese MBCH** Black And Any Other Ethnic MBOE MCOE Chinese And Any Other Ethnic Group MOTM Other Mixed Background Indian AIND **APKN** Pakistani **AMPK** Mirpuri Pakistani Other Pakistani **AOPK ABAN** Bangladeshi AOTH Any Other Asian AAFR African Asian Background **AKAS** Kashmiri **ANEP** Nepali ASNL Sinhalese Sri Lankan Tamil **ASLT** Other Asian AOTA **BCRB** Caribbean **BAFR** African BERI Eritrean **BGHA** Ghanaian **BNGN** Nigerian **BSLN** Sierra Leonian **BSOM** Somali Sudanese **BSUD BAOF** Other Black African BOTH Any other black BEUR Black European background

BNAM

BOTB

Black North American

Other Black

CHNE	Chinese or Chinese British	CHKC	Hong Kong Chinese
	Dittori	CMAL CSNG	Malaysian Chinese Singaporean Chinese
		CTWN	Taiwanese
		COCH	Other Chinese
ООТН	Any other ethnic background	OAFG	Afghan
	3	OARA	Arab
		OEGY	Egyptian
		OFIL	Filipino
		OIRN	Irani
		OIRQ	Iraqi
		OJPN	Japanese
		OKOR	Korean
		OKRD	Kurdish
		OLAM	Latin/South/Central American
		OLIB	Libyan
		OLEB	Lebanese
		OMAL	Malay
		OMRC	Moroccan
		OPOL	Polynesian
		OSAU	Saudi Arabian
		OSYR	Syrian
		OTHA OVIE	Thai Vietnamese
		OYEM	Yemeni
		OVEW	
		JUEG	Other Ethnic Group

Annex C: Subjects

AEA	AoLE: Expressive Arts]
AHM	AoLE: Humanities	
AHW	AoLE: Health and Wellbeing	
ALC	AoLE: Languages, Literacy and Communications	
AMN	AoLE: Mathematics and Numeracy	
AST	AoLE: Science and Technology	
AAD	Applied Art and Design	
ABS	Applied Business Studies	Applied Business
ACC	Accountancy and Finance	Accounting, Financial Education, Lessons in Financial Education, Personal Finance, Financial Capability and Careers Development
ADM	Administration	Administration Business Professional
AGR	Agriculture	
AIT	Applied Information and Communication Technology	Applied Information and Communication Technology, Applied ICT
ANC	Animal Care	
ARA	Arabic	
ART	Art and Design	
ASC	Applied Science	
BEN	Bengali	
BIO	Biological Sciences	Biology, Human Biology
BUS	Business Studies	Business Studies, Business, Business and Communication Systems
CAC	Communication and Culture	
CAE	Countryside and Environment	
CAR	Careers and Employment Education	Employability, Employability Skills, Careers and the World of Work, Personal Development and Employability Skills
CBS	Construction and Building Studies	Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment, Constructing the Built Environment, Construction and Built Environment (Specialist Construction), Construction and the Built Environment, Introductory in Construction, Planning and Maintaining the Built Environment, Designing the Built Environment, Designing and Planning the Built Environment

СНІ	Chinese	Chinese, Chinese (Mandarin), Chinese (Cantonese) Chinese (spoken Mandarin/spoken Cantonese)		
СНМ	Chemistry			
CHS	Child Studies	Child Care and Education, Children's Play, Learning and Development		
CLS	Classics	Classics, Classical Civilisation, Ancient History		
CRW	Creative Writing			
CSI	Computer Science	Computer Science, Computing		
CYM	Cymraeg/Welsh First Language			
DAT	Design and Technology			
DNC	Dance			
DRA	Drama/ Theatre	Drama, Drama and Theatre, Drama and Theatre Studies		
DTF	Design and Technology - Food Technology	Design and Technology (Food Technology), Food and Nutrition		
DTG	Design and Technology - Graphics	Design and Technology (Graphic Products)		
DTP	Design and Technology - Product Design	Design and Technology (Product Design), Design and Technology: Product Design (3-D Design)		
DTR	Design and Technology - Resistant Materials			
DTS	Design and Technology - Systems and Control Technology			
DTT	Design and Technology - Textiles Technology	Design and Technology (Textiles Technology), Design and Technology: Product Design (Textiles)		
DUT	Dutch			
EBS	Economics and Business			
ECO	Economics			
ELA	English Language			
ELI	English Literature			
ELL	English Language and Literature			
ENG	English			
ENR	Engineering	Engineering Specialist (Manufacturing Engineering), Engineering, Performing Engineering Operations		
ENV	Environmental Science/Studies	Environmental Science, Environmental Studies		
EVO	Event Operations			
FRE	French			
GBC	Global Business Communication	Global Business Communication (French), Global Business Communication (German), Global Business Communication (Spanish)		

GEN	General Studies	
GEO	Geography	1
GER	German	1
GLG	Geology	1
GPL	Government and Politics	1
GRC	Greek (Classical)	Classical Greek
GRE	Greek (Modern)	Greek
GUJ	Gujerati	
НАС	Hospitality and Catering Studies	Hospitality and Catering, Cookery and Service for the Hospitality Industry, Hospitality
HAR	History of Art	
HBB	Hebrew (Biblical)	
HBS	Hair and Beauty Studies	An Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector, Hair and Beauty Studies, Hair Services, Hairdressing and Beauty
HEB	Hebrew (Modern)	
HEC	Home Economics	Home Economics (Child Development), Home Economics (Food, Nutrition and Health), Home Economics (Textiles), Understanding Nutrition and Health
HIS	History	
HOR	Horticulture	Practical Horticulture Skills, Horticulture
HSC	Health and Social Care	
HUM	Humanities/Mixed Humanities	
ICT	Information and Communication Technology	Information and Communication Technology, ICT
ITA	Italian	
JAP	Japanese	
LAT	Latin	Latin, Latin Language
LAW	Law	
LTT	Leisure, Travel and Tourism Studies	Leisure Studies, Leisure and Tourism, Travel and Tourism, Tourism
MAT	Mathematics	Mathematics, Mathematics (Numeracy)
MED	Media Studies	Media Studies, Creative and Media, Creative Digital Media Production, Creative Media, Media: Communication and Production, Film Studies
MFL	Other Modern Foreign Language	
MUS	Music	1
MUT	Music Technology	1

MVS	Motor Vehicle Studies	Vehicle Component Fitting, Vehicle Inspection, Vehicle Technology, Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies,		
NAP	Not applicable	This code should only be an available option as a teacher vacancy subject when the <yeargroup> is N1, N2, R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, M or X.</yeargroup>		
ОНИ	Other Humanities	Anthropology, Archaeology, Critical Thinking, Literature, Global Development		
OIT Other ICT		Digital Applications, Information and Creative Technology, IT User Skills, IT User Skills in Open Systems and Enterprise, IT Users, IT Application Skills		
OMA	Other Mathematics	Additional Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Quantitative Methods, Use of Mathematics		
OMU	Other Music	Music for Practical Performance, Music Practitioners		
osc	Other Sciences	Astronomy, Physics in Context, Electronics, Science in Society, Science for Public Understanding		
OTH	Other	Any other subject not listed		
OVO	Other Vocational Subject	Introductory in Vocational Studies		
PAN	Panjabi			
PED	Physical Education	Physical Education, PE, Skills and Activities for Sport and Active Leisure (Outdoor Education)		
PER	Performing Arts	Performing Arts, Performance Studies		
PHL	Philosophy			
PHO	Photography			
PHY	Physics			
POL	Polish			
POR	Portuguese			
PRS	Persian			
PSE	Personal and Social Education	Personal and Social Education, Personal and Social Development, Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community, Equality and Diversity, Personal Effectiveness		
PSY	Psychology			
DUD	Public Services			
PUB	Fubile Services			
REL	Religious Education	Religious Education, Religious Studies		
		Religious Education, Religious Studies		

SCI	Science	
SOC	Sociology	
SPA	Spanish	
SPO	Sport	
SRE	Sex and Relationship Education	
STA	Statistics	
sus	Sustainability Studies	Sustainability Skills, Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship
TUR	Turkish	
URD	Urdu	
WBC	Welsh Baccalaureate	Foundation/National Skills Challenge Welsh Baccalaureate
WEL	Welsh	Welsh, Welsh Language
WEW	Wales, Europe and the World	
WLI	Welsh Literature	
WSA	Welsh Second Language Applied	
WSL	Welsh Second Language	

Annex D: Staff roles

Each member of workforce must have at least one of these roles recorded. Hours must be provided.
Optional additional roles recorded if performed by member of workforce. Hours not required.

	Role*	Must have at least 1 of these present (i.e. main roles)	Category	Category code (see spec)	Used in Vacancy 'StaffRole' and Leaver 'StaffRole' data items
EH	Main Role - Executive headteacher	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
нт	Main Role - Headteachers	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
AC	Main Role - Acting headteachers	Y	Teacher	СТ	Υ
DH	Main Role - Deputy headteachers	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
AS	Main Role - Assistant head teachers	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
QT	Main Role - Qualified teachers with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
UQ	Main Role - Unqualified Teacher who does not hold QTS but is covered by the 'The Education Workforce Council (Main Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2015' and paid on the unqualified teacher payscale as defined in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions (Wales) Document (STPC(W)D)	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
TD	Main Role - Teachers of the Deaf	Υ	Teacher	СТ	Υ
TV	Main Role - Teachers of the Visually Impaired	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
LP	Main Role - Leading practitioner	Y	Teacher	СТ	Y
ОТ	Main Role - Other teachers (not QTS status but not 'unqualified' i.e. those covered by Education	Y	Teacher	СТ	N

	Specified Work and Registration) who do not hold Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and are not covered by the School Teachers Pay and Conditions				
	(Wales) Document (STPC(W)D)				
тт	Main Role – Students on initial teacher training courses	Y	Teacher	СТ	N
SU	Main Role - Permanent supply teacher (other than any entered in above categories) (nursery schools only)	Υ	Teacher	СТ	N
LS	Main Role - Contracted supply teacher (non-agency)	Υ	Teacher	СТ	N
HL	Main Role - Higher level teaching assistant (HLTA)	Υ	Teaching assistant	TA	Υ
TA	Main Role - Teacher assistants/aides employed in the classroom	Υ	Teaching assistant	TA	Υ
FA	Main Role - Foreign language assistants/language support)	Υ	Teaching assistant	TA	Υ
SP	Main Role - ALN Co- ordinator (for individuals where it is their primary role)	Υ	Other	Oth	N
SN	Main Role - Additional Learning Needs support staff	Υ	Other	Oth	Y
ME	Main Role - Matrons/nurses/medical staff (including NHS employees)	Υ	Other	Oth	N
PS	Main Role - Pastoral support staff	Υ	Other	Oth	N
LI	Main Role - Librarians and library assistants	Υ	Other	Oth	N
EO	Main Role - Examinations officers/Invigilators	Υ	Other	Oth	N
AO	Main Role - Administration staff	Y	Other	Oth	N

ВМ	Main Role - School				
	business manager or	Υ	Other	Oth	N
	equivalent				
MS	Main Role - Midday	Υ	Other	Oth	N
	Supervisors	Y	Other	Oth	IN
AD	Main Role - Advisory	Υ	Other	Oth	N
	Staff	'	Cuioi	Our	.,
	Main Role - Science	V	011	011	N
ST	and laboratory technicians	Y	Other	Oth	N
		Y	Other	Oth	N
OS	Main Role - ICT staff Main Role - Other	T	Other	Otti	IN
US	support staff	Υ	Other	Oth	N
HS	Additional Role - Head				
113	of school	N	NA		N
	Additional Role - Head	N.I.	NIA		N.I.
HD	of department	Ν	NA		N
	Additional Role - Head	N	NA		N
HY	of year	IV	TWA		IV
1115	Additional Role - Head	N	NA		N
HK	of key stage/phase				
	Additional Role - ALN				
	Co-ordinator (as an additional role to main	N	NA		Υ
sc	responsibilities)				
	Additional Role - Sex				
	and relationship	N	NA		N
SR	education co-ordinator				
	Additional Role - Welsh				
NA/E	baccalaureate co-	N	NA		N
WB	ordinator				
NC	Additional Role - Numeracy co-ordinator	N	NA		N
NC	Additional Role -				
LC	Literacy co-ordinator	N	NA		N
	Additional Role - Cover	N.I.	NIA		
CS	supervisor	N	NA		N
	Additional Role - Welsh	N	NA		N
WL	language co-ordiantor	- IV			
	Additional Role -	N.I.	N.I.A.		N.I.
INI	Instructor (including	N	NA		N
IN	sports coach) Additional Role -				
ET	Minority ethnic support	N	NA		N
	Additional Role -		A-1-A		
TS	Traveller support	N	NA		N
	Additional Role -				
	Welfare	N	NA		N
WE	officer/assistant				
	Additional Role - Data	N	NA		N
DM	manager/analyst	, ,			•

0.0	Additional Role - Other	N	NA	N
UK	roles			