



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Directors of Education,
Section 52 Contacts,
Welsh County and County Borough Councils

Parc Cathays / Cathays Park
Caerdydd / Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

04 March 2026

Dear Colleague,

Section 52 Budget Statements (S52B), April 2026 to March 2027

We will shortly be sending the 2026-27 Section 52 Budget statements return, in the form of an Excel spreadsheet, together with notes for guidance, to our contact at your authority.

[The Education \(Budget Statements\)\(Wales\) Regulations 2002](#) still apply to the Section 52 Budget statements for 2026-27.

1. The information required for parts 2 and 3 of the S52 statements should also be supplied **electronically**, in the format detailed in the regulations. The Statistical Directorate will act as a post-box for this information. If possible, all three parts should be e-mailed together. **Two hard copies of the full S52 statements must also be sent to Tania Ryland at the following address by 31 March 2026, in accordance with Regulation 5(a) of the Budget Statements Regulations 2002.**

Tania Ryland,
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2. The Regulations require LEAs to submit pupil numbers for nursery, primary, middle and secondary schools, and number of places in the case of special schools, in part 1 column 5 of the form. The census date for collection of these numbers for the purpose of the 2026-27 statements is 20 January 2026.
3. These forms should be returned by **31 March 2026**. Should you foresee any problems with returning the forms by the deadline date could you please let us know as soon as possible.
4. Spreadsheets and email enquiries should be sent to: LGFS.Transfer@gov.wales

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Kind regards,

Anthony Newby
Local Government Financial Statistics
Welsh Government