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Description

This document describes the transparency data included in the 'School places sufficiency survey: Academic year 2019/20' release's underlying data files.

The methodology accompanying this release should be referenced alongside this data. It provides information on the data sources, their coverage and quality as well as explaining methodology used in producing the data.

Coverage

This release reports on school places sufficiency information in some state-funded primary and secondary schools in England in the academic year 2019/20, as of 1 May 2020. Data are as reported by local authorities in the voluntary 2020 September Sufficiency Survey.

Information is included on:

- Transparency statistics on school capacity (number of school places) in 2019/20 for some schools with significant changes since 2018/19
- Transparency statistics on the type of significant changes to school capacity between 2018/19 and 2019/20
- Transparency statistics on some local authority planned places to 2021/22, including some planned places for 2022/23 and 2023/24

File format and conventions

Rounding

These datasets have not had suppression applied.

Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout the underlying data.

'z' Not applicable.

':' Not available.

Data files

This statistical release includes the following underlying data files in csv format:

File name	Content	Geographical levels	Academic years
local_authority_school_capacity_201920	School capacity (number of school places) and change type of school capacity, as reported to us by the local authorities that responded to the survey.	School	2019/20
local_authority_planned_places_201920	Mainstream places reported by the local authorities that responded to the survey, as planned to be added to their school capacity. Includes only projects with firm plans for delivery which rely on ongoing building work.	Local authority; Planning area	2021/22 to 2023/24

Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

Variable names and descriptions included across the underlying data files are provided below.

Variable name	Variable description
time_period	The academic year covered
time_identifier	The type of time period covered
geographic_level	The geographic level of the data
country_code	9 digit country code
country_name	Country name
region_code	9 digit region code (Government Office Region)
region_name	Region name (Government Office Region)
old_la_code	3 digit local authority code
new_la_code	9 digit local authority code
la_name	Local authority name
primary_planning_area_code	Primary planning area code. Schools may be assigned both a primary and a secondary planning area if they have pupils on roll in both primary and secondary year groups for instance all-through schools
secondary_planning_area_code	Secondary planning area code. Schools may be assigned both a primary and a secondary planning area if they have pupils on roll in both primary and secondary year groups for instance all-through schools
school_laestab	School's local authority establishment number
school_name	School name
school_phase	The phase of education based upon national curriculum year group. Reception to year 6 are primary, year 7 and above are secondary and All-through schools include both primary and secondary year groups
school_in_scap19	Flag to show if school present in SCAP 19
change_type	Type of significant change to capacity between 2018/19 and 2019/20
school_capacity	School capacity (number of school places) as of 1 May 2020
scap19_laestab	School LaEstab number/s in SCAP 19
planning_area_code	Planning area code, either primary or secondary. Planning areas are groups of schools, often (but not exclusively) in a similar geographic area, reflecting patterns of provision. The planning areas for primary are different to the planning areas for secondary
planning_area_name	Planning area name
planning_area_phase	Planning area phase. Primary planning areas include year groups from reception to year 6. Secondary planning areas include year groups from year 7 and above.
places_to_deliver	School places planned to be delivered

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