Dear Colleague,

SECTION 52 BUDGET STATEMENTS (S52B), 2020-21

We will shortly be sending the 2020-21 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 2020-21.

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 Paul Davies at the following address by 31 March 2020, in accordance with Regulation 5(a) of the Budget Statements Regulations 2002.

Paul Davies,
Finance and Inspection Branch,
Education Directorate,
Education and Public Services,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park 2,
CARDIFF, CF10 3NQ
(Telephone: 030 0025 0088)

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 2020-21 statements was 14 January 2020.

3. These forms should be returned by 31 March 2020. 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