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Headteachers of Primary and Junior schools including 'through' schools

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Dear Headteacher,

FOR INFORMATION & URGENT ACTION

DISCOUNTED PUPILS

Key Stage 2 assessment 2015

As you will be aware, during September, the DfE will ask you to complete the online Performance Tables Checking Exercise for the end of Key Stage 2 test results.

I would like to offer the Bradford Achievement Service's support in returning important information to the DfE about pupils that you expect to discount from your Key Stage 2 results.

Ensuring that schools make applications for every pupil eligible to be discounted is crucial in order for the local authority to get an accurate picture of district-wide attainment at Key Stage 2 and for individual schools' results to accurately reflect their cohort. In 2014 discounted pupils amounted to a 2% difference for the district in the Level 4+ reading, writing, maths combined measure.

All schools will be sent an email from the DfE with login details to enable you to apply for the discounts.

Guidance is available on discounting pupils from the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-assessment-and-reporting-arrangements-ara/teacher-assessment>

Some children may be discounted from the calculation of a school's performance measures before publication of the performance tables. These will be children who have recently arrived from overseas with little or no English. To be eligible, a child must meet all three of the following criteria:



- they were admitted to an English school for the first time during the 2013/14 or 2014/15 school year
- they arrived from overseas before their admission
- English is not an official language of the country they came from

During the annual performance tables checking exercise schools can apply to remove children from the 'number of eligible pupils' figure that is used for calculation of performance measures. This exercise is expected to run in early September. If a request is accepted, the child will be excluded from calculation of all measures. Omissions will not be granted for an individual subject.

The first autumn release of 2015 data that is published on RAISEonline will not take account of any amendments that have been submitted by schools. However amendments will be included on final RAISEonline as and when the data is validated.

I would encourage you to begin to consider the eligibility of children in your Year 6 cohort and whether any of them should be discounted from the KS2 results. We are keen to support schools in completing this exercise, particularly those with large numbers of children that are new to the country.

If you are unsure about the eligibility of any pupil and need any further help I would encourage you to contact your Achievement Officer, the Lead Area Achievement Officer for your area or myself on 01274 385523.

Yours sincerely



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