

The new fileset has been released and is now available for SIMS schools. As mentioned this will be done automatically for Arbor and Scholar Pack schools.

The instructions are below but if you have any issues please give us a call and we can help walk you through importing it or remote on and apply it for you.

Downloading and Applying a Fileset

1. Save the ZIP file to an available folder; it doesn't matter what folder is chosen as the ZIP does not contain any sensitive data.
2. Extract (unzip) the .mfs file to an available folder, it is fine to use the same folder as that where you downloaded the ZIP.
3. Open SIMS and select **Tools | Setups | Import Fileset**.
4. You can use the browse to select the .mfs file.
5. A rectangle outlining the content of the Fileset will appear. If you are happy with the content you should click '**Import Fileset**' button.
6. A message will appear in the rectangle to indicate that the Fileset is being imported.
7. When the import is complete a message will pop up reminding you that you should restart SIMS.
8. After you have restarted SIMS you will see the new Fileset number displayed in the Statutory Returns applications.

Changes to the SIMS detail reports

- Report criteria for the 'Leavers - Basic Data' report changed from 'Leavers with exclusions (01/09/2019 - 31/12/2019)' to 'Leavers with exclusions (22/04/2019 - 31/12/2019)'.
• Report criteria for the 'Exclusions' report changed from 'Fixed term exclusions (excluding Lunchtime exclusions) starting (01/09/2019 - 31/12/2019)' to 'Fixed term exclusions (excluding Lunchtime exclusions) starting (22/04/2019 - 31/12/2019)'.
• Report criteria for the 'Exclusions' report changed from 'Permanent exclusions (01/09/2019 - 31/12/2019)' to 'Permanent exclusions (22/04/2019 - 31/12/2019)'.
• All references to exclusion reviews removed from the 'Exclusions' report.

Changes to the DFE validation

- Deletions:

2342: Review date or review result information is missing from exclusion review

2343: Exclusion review date invalid

2344: Exclusion reinstatement date invalid

2345: The exclusion review result indicates the pupil accepted reinstatement however, the reinstatement date is missing or invalid

2346: The exclusion review result indicates the pupil was not reinstated, therefore reinstatement date must not be provided

2347: The exclusion review result indicates the exclusion was upheld. However, a permanent exclusion does not exist for this pupil

2348Q: Please check: We would expect there to be exclusion review information provided for a permanent exclusion

2349: The exclusion review result indicates an independent review panel did not take place therefore, SEN expert data must not be provided

2351: The exclusion review result indicates an independent review panel took place therefore, SEN expert data must be provided

- Updates:

1849Q: Please check: Pupil aged 3 or 4 recorded with post looked after arrangements would be expected to be in receipt of early years pupil premium with a basis for funding of ...

853Q: Please check: A pupil aged 3 or 4 eligible for FSM would be expected to be in receipt of early years pupil premium with a basis for funding of ...

1861: Early years pupil premium only required for pupils aged 3 and 4

2290: Exclusion start date invalid

2470: Attendance information is not required for this pupil as they are either aged less than 4, over 15 or are a boarder

2502: Please check: zero attendance sessions possible recorded for pupil on roll ...

3105: The 30-hour code must be 11 digits long and contain numerical characters only

5235: 2-year-old basis for funding is missing or an invalid value for a two year old with funded hours

- Additions:

1495: Please check: no pupils no longer on roll have been recorded

1849Q: Please check: Pupil aged 3 or 4 recorded with post looked after arrangements would be expected to be in receipt of early years pupil premium with a basis for funding of ...

1862: Early years pupil premium not required for pupils aged 4 in reception or above

2167: Each SEN type must be unique

2295: Due to the appeal process the pupil should not be removed off roll on the same day they are excluded

2470: Attendance information is not required for this pupil as they are either aged less than 4, over 15 or are a boarder

2485Q: Pupil attendance indicates they are excluded but no exclusion is recorded

Although the DfE has not mentioned this in their list of changes, we have found that unwarranted instances of validation error 2550 do not occur when the latest DfE validation file is used.

Changes to the DFE summary report

- Table 9: Pupil count column updated to just count pupils by year group rather than just those with EYPPR = Y & N so the later columns may now not match if invalid value included in EYPPR.
- Table 13: Now supports two terms worth of exclusions (summer term as well as autumn term)
- Table 14 onwards: Exclusion reviews removed and all subsequent tables renumbered.

Added 13/01/2020 at 14:20 Known issue with version 1.2 of the DFE validation file (to be provided by Fileset 1403)

- The DFE has informed us of the following issue for DFE school validation (the problem does not exist for DFE COLLECT validation).
- **Query 1849** (Please check: A pupil aged 3 or 4 recorded with post looked after arrangements would be expected to be in receipt of early years pupil premium with a basis for funding of 'RO' or 'RB')
- The query should not be triggered where Early Years Pupil Premium Receipt is not included, e.g. pupil aged 5 and above.