FFT KS1 Estimates (based on 2021 EYFSP)

Overview

As part of the 2021 FFT Estimates Service, we're providing KS1 estimates to pilot schools, who completed 2021 Early Years Foundation Stage profile (EYFSP) assessments. This help article will explain how FFT will calculate these estimates until we have a set of pupils assessed under the new profile reach the end of key stage 1.

How have the KS1 estimates been calculated?

We have to base our estimates on the last full national dataset we have, which are the pupils who took KS1 tests in 2019, and have EYFSP from 2 years previous.

For the model to work, their EYFSP scores have been 'converted' to the new 2021 curriculum, and for this, a representative sample of pupils who took the new and old EYFSP assessments were used.

The next step was to re-run the 2019 KS1 model, using these EYFSP scores converted from the old to the new scale. This provides a set of coefficients which also include gender and month of birth as factors.

The final step is to generate estimates for pupils who take the new EYFSP. However, there is a capping effect, because the new EYFSP only measures whether a pupil has achieved an assessment. It does not measure whether they have exceeded an assessment. Therefore, there are a lot of pupils with new EYFSP for whom it's impossible to know whether they'd be middle achieving or high achieving. For this reason, there are no upper, middle and lower bands for these year 1 pupils.

Please note: 2021 EYFSP based estimates should be treated as the start of a conversation about what could be achieved at the end of KS1, rather than a solid prediction.

How can I access my year 1 estimates?

Log in to FFT Aspire to access your school, subject and pupil dashboards. Within your target setting reports, use the filters to select 'key stage 1' and 'year 1'. You can then use these benchmark estimates to set targets for each pupil, and we'll aggregate these for you for a whole-school view.

Need help using the reports?

You can watch one of our FFT Estimates Service webinars here. If you have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of our customer support team.