

**Schools Data Team**

Additional Notes – Sex and gender identity

For: All Schools

## Sex and gender identity

The gender current data item has been replaced by the new sex data item.

The DfE will collect the sex data item (a value which identifies the sex of a person as recognised in law) on a mandatory basis.

**Recording Sex (mandatory):**

The DfE require data on sex for all pupils. For census purposes 'sex' is the sex of a person as recognised in law (assigned at birth):

F - Female

M - Male

**Recording Gender Identity:**

The gender data item has been created so schools, children's homes, local authorities, and other institutions can record gender identity for local use, should they wish to. Gender is a value to record the gender identity a pupil wishes to use. The DfE will not collect this data item.