Education Schools' Data Sharing changes

Headteachers' Termly update

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Overview

Hillingdon Council has invested in a new Education system to improve the management of schools' data called EYES (from SystemC - formally Liquidlogic).

EYES will be going LIVE in August 2025 when schools are closed to minimise impact.

Due to changes with how the data will be shared, a new standard Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) will be put in place between Hillingdon Council and all schools within the borough.

Data Sharing

Groupcall/Xvault is used to link the data between schools and the council. This software is required within schools for the system to operate.

Over 90% of the schools already have the correct software installed. If this software is not already present in your school, the council will manage the install on your behalf with no cost to the school.

SystemC Education Portal

There will be two portals linked to the Education system which will be used by
(1) Parents and (2) Establishments (Schools).

1. Parental Portal
Provides a means for parents, carers and businesses to self-serve all things education in terms of application of entitlement from Early Years two-year-old provision, Admissions to School, Work/Entertainment Permits and other support applications. Parents will access this via a URL, that we advise will be available on your school website and will be available on Hillingdon Council's website.

2. Establishment (Schools) Portal
Provides Early Years providers and schools a gateway into the Early Years and Education services of the authority for Early Years funding, effective processing of Admissions applications and offers, as well as referrals for Attendance and Behaviour related to compulsory school-aged children. The Portal will be accessible via a URL, which users will register for an account with their school email address.

Free training will be provided for schools' admin teams, which will take place in 2025. The roll out for the portals will be in time for the new academic year - September 2025.

Benefits for schools

The new systems will allow schools a seamless process for sharing data with Hillingdon council. These will minimise the current admin overhead by having applications and referrals in one place and feeding directly into Hillingdon Council's database.

- **Admissions -** All admissions will come through the EYES portals and the data will be shared with the council. National offer day will be managed via the portals.
- **Attendance/behaviour/CME -** Data will automatically come through to the council via the data link with Groupcall/Xvault daily.
- **Early years -**   Allowing a gateway into Early years and managing the Early Years funding via the Establishment Portal.
- **Virtual schools -** Data collaboratively managed within the EYES portals.
- **Sensory -** Forms sent via the portal rather than the manual existing email process.
- **EHCP Portal** - New functionality to submit EHCPs through the portal.

Next steps

Schools will receive a request to share the contact details of key staff that need access to the portal (office admin / attendance / data / ICT staff).

A new standard Data Sharing Agreement will be issued to schools for review, approval and return.

For a small number of schools, the council will arrange a discussion with your schools data lead to discuss the software changes required for Groupcall.

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