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Condition Data Collection 1 – school level data

It is the responsibility of those running our schools (responsible bodies such as academy trusts, local authorities, and voluntary-aided school bodies) to ensure their schools are safe, well-maintained and compliant with relevant regulations. Schools should approach their responsible body with any concerns about the condition of their buildings.

The Government has published school-level data for the first Condition Data Collection (CDC1). The data was collected by visually assessing building components such as walls, paint, carpet, windows and heating systems.

Approach

The programme included visits to over 22,000 schools. The data collection was completed in 2019 and represents a snapshot of the school estate in 2017-19. The data provides an assigned condition grade, A (good) - D (requires replacement) for each building component (e.g. walls, paint, carpets, and windows) – not the buildings as a whole. The successor programme to CDC1, CDC2, is now underway and will complete by 2026.

Summary findings

- Over 95% of school building elements surveyed were in good or satisfactory condition (condition grade A or B).
- Only a very small percentage (0.3%) of building components needed replacing straight away (Grade D).
- Early indications in the successor survey, Condition Data Collection 2, (CDC2), alongside feedback from responsible bodies, shows that in almost every case where a Grade D component was identified it has now been addressed.

Support for responsible bodies and schools

We help responsible bodies to meet their responsibilities by providing significant capital funding for their schools, delivering rebuilding programmes and providing guidance and support. We have allocated over £15 billion since 2015 to keep schools safe and operational, including £1.8 billion in 2023-24. This is informed by consistent data on the condition of the school estate.

I would be grateful if the document 'Condition Data Collection 1 – school level data' and this letter could be deposited in the Libraries of both Houses.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diana Barran".

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