Summary of main changes made for POD Release 13

Address updates for transferring pupils

To encourage schools to update the addresses of pupils who are transferring into their school, the addresses of incoming pupils will now be removed upon import. Schools will have a notification on their landing page prompting them to fill in address data for new pupils:

Once all pupils have an address, this warning will disappear. Please note that you will not be able to submit your annual census while there are pupils without address data in your school.

Removal of Learning Support Fields

To comply with GDPR rules, the individualised learning support fields on pupil records have now been removed. Learning support information will be collected by the Department on an aggregate basis through a separate Esinet application.

Enhanced Search Options

Schools can now search for pupils who have been marked as being in receipt of an Irish Exemption using the “Pupils with Irish Exemption” tickbox on the “Search” page.

They can also search for pupils who need to have an address recorded for them with the “Pupils with Incomplete Address” tickbox.