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# **Early years foundation stage profile return 2022**

**Guide for submitting 2022 assessments**

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## Version history

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# 1. Introduction

This guide covers the main requirements of the early years foundation stage profile 2022 data collection and submission arrangements to the Department for Education. It should be read in conjunction with the current [Common Basic Dataset](#) definitions and [assessment components](#).

## 1.1. Data quality

In order to properly ascertain the level that children in the early years foundation stage are working at, it is important that the data collected by providers and local authorities, for onward transmission to the Department for Education is both accurate and complete.

The [Early years foundation stage profile handbook](#) should be consulted for further information about data quality.

## 1.2. Audience and purpose

Local authorities are required to collect and report the results for all funded children at the end of the early years foundation stage in both maintained schools (including academies) and private, voluntary and independent settings. Results for children in private, voluntary and independent settings are only required where the child is receiving early years education that is funded by the Department for Education. The children still eligible for funding in private, voluntary and independent settings will be born between 1 April 2017 and 31 August 2017.

The department does not require data to be submitted for unfunded children. If your local authority chooses to collect any data on these children for internal use, it should not be uploaded to the early years foundation stage profile COLLECT blade.

## 1.3. Data protection and data sharing

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018) mandate certain safeguards regarding the use of personal data by organisations, including the department, local authorities and schools. Both give rights to those (known as data subjects) about whom data is processed such as pupils, parents and teachers. This includes (amongst other information that we are obliged to provide):

- the right to know the types of data being held
- why it is being held
- to whom it may be communicated

For the purposes of data protection legislation, the terms 'process', 'processed' or 'processing' apply to any activity involving the personal data, such as:

- collecting
- storing
- sharing
- destroying
- etcetera – please note: this list is not exhaustive

Sections below provide additional information on two aspects of data protection legislation - namely privacy notices and data security. However, as data processors and controllers in their own right, it is important that schools process all data (not just that collected for the purposes of the school census) in accordance with the full requirements of the UK GDPR. Further information on the UK GDPR can be found in the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) [overview of the UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#).

### 1.3.1 Legal duties under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018: privacy notices

Being transparent and providing accessible information to individuals about how you will use (process) their personal data is a key element of UK GDPR and the DPA 2018. The most common way to provide such information is through a privacy notice. Please see the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website for [further guidance on privacy notices](#).

For schools and local authorities, this means that you must provide clear and accessible privacy notices that inform parents, pupils and staff:

- what data is collected about them
- for what purposes the data is collected
- how the data is used (processed)
- what the lawful basis is for processing
- for how long the data is retained
- with whom the data is shared
- why the data is shared
- whether you intend to transfer it to another country, and
- whether you do automated decision-making or profiling

The department provides suggested wording for [privacy notices](#) that schools and local authorities may wish to use. However, where the suggested wording is used, the school / local authority **must review and amend** the wording to reflect local business needs and circumstances. This is especially important, as the school will process data that is not solely for use within census data collections. As such, to comply with UK GDPR and DPA 2018, the privacy notice should contain details of all uses of data within the school, which

may include, for example, information used locally for pupil achievement tracking and (where relevant) the use of CCTV data. The privacy notice should also include [this link](#) to the gov.uk webpage, which provides information on how the department processes data.

It is recommended that the privacy notice is included as part of an induction pack for pupils and staff, is made available on the school website for parents, as well as featuring on the staff notice board / intranet. Privacy notices do not need to be issued on an annual basis, where:

- new pupils and staff are made aware of the notices
- the notices have not been amended
- they are readily available in
  - electronic, or
  - paper format

However, it remains best practice to remind parents of the school's privacy notices at the start of each term (within any other announcements / correspondence to parents) and it is important that any changes made to the way the school processes personal data are highlighted to data subjects.

### **1.3.2 Legal duties under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018: data security**

Schools and local authorities have a (legal) duty under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 to ensure that any personal data they process is handled and stored securely. Further information on data security is available from the [Information Commissioner's Office](#).

Where personal data is not properly safeguarded, it could compromise the safety of individuals and damage your reputation. Your responsibility as a data controller extends to those who have access to your data beyond your organisation where they are working on your behalf; for example, where external IT suppliers can remotely access your information. The '[School procurement: selecting a school MIS](#)' and '[Responsible for information](#)' pages provide further guidance and advice.

It is **vital** that all staff with access to personal data understand the importance of:

- protecting personal data
- being familiar with your security policy
- putting security procedures into practice

As such, you should provide appropriate initial and refresher training for your staff.

## 2. Data required for funded children

### 2.1. Data required

- local authority number
- establishment number of the school: for local authority maintained schools and nursery schools. This is a 4-digit number.
- early years unique reference number of the school: for all other funded settings, including independent schools and private and voluntary settings. It is a 6-digit number (starting with a 5, 6 or 7) as used for early years census 2022 return.
- academic year: This year will be 2021 to 2022

### 2.2. CTF pupil data

- child's surname
- child's forename
- child's gender
- child's date of birth
- unique pupil number: this is a 13 character identifier
- home postcode

**Note:** You will be aware of the importance of a child's home postcode for analyses based on designated areas of deprivation. Local authorities must ensure that postcodes are included in the early years foundation stage profile data submitted to the Department for Education for every child, except where there are legal or exceptional reasons why this data is not available (for example, traveller children). In these circumstances, please ensure that a notepad entry is recorded in COLLECT providing reason.

There are 17 scales covering 7 areas of learning

	<b>Area of learning</b>	<b>Scale</b>	
Prime areas of learning	Communication and language	Listening, attention and understanding	<b>E01</b>
		Speaking	<b>E02</b>
	Personal, social and emotional development	Self-regulation	<b>E03</b>
		Managing self	<b>E04</b>
		Building relationships	<b>E05</b>
	Physical development	Gross motor skills	<b>E06</b>
		Fine motor skills	<b>E07</b>
Specific areas of learning	Literacy	Comprehension	<b>E08</b>
		Word reading	<b>E09</b>
		Writing	<b>E10</b>
	Mathematics	Number	<b>E11</b>
		Numerical patterns	<b>E12</b>
	Understanding the world	Past and present	<b>E13</b>
		People, culture and communities	<b>E14</b>
		The natural world	<b>E15</b>
	Expressive arts, designing and making	Creating with materials	<b>E16</b>
		Being imaginative and expressive	<b>E17</b>

The department requires that the school/setting record an assessment score for each of the 17 early learning goals.

1 for Emerging

2 for Expected

A for unable to assess/exemption applies



## 3. Guide

### 3.1. Overall description and scope

The live 2022 COLLECT system will be made available on **Wednesday 1 June 2022**.

The collection will close on **Friday 29 July 2022**. It is of utmost importance that the data we receive by this date is complete and accurate, as it is used to inform the department's statistical releases on the early years foundation stage profile.

The database will not remain open to capture any residual returns for longer than is necessary after the July deadline.

The department will not be providing a COLLECT school blade. There will be a single blade that local authorities can use to submit early years foundation stage profile data.

The department will continue to collect full individual child level data.

### 3.2. Expected list of schools/private, voluntary and independent settings submitting results

For 2022, the department will be providing local authorities with expected lists of providers, taken from the early years census return, the spring school census and the school level annual school census.

These lists will only contain information on the providers that we expect local authorities to be making returns for. They will not include any information on the number of children we expect results to be submitted for, although the department will continue to use this information internally to identify any returns with numbers of children significantly different to what we would expect in COLLECT.

The criteria we use to produce the expected lists is detailed below:

- early years census - all settings containing child level data from children born between 1 April 2017 to 31 August 2017 only. By default this includes funded children only.
- school census/school level annual school census - all settings (not including independent schools) including children born 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017. By default this includes funded children only.

We ask that you supply the data operations service desk with any amendments to your expected list as soon as possible and preferably before the start of the collection.

### 3.3. Local authority data reporting format

The department continues to have no requirement for data in aggregate forms. A single XML file for each school and setting, containing all eligible pupils, will be created by local authorities central processing system software (such as Keypas, Capita-ONE, or a bespoke local authority system).

The separate school XML files will need to be zipped (with any filename of the local authorities choosing – the only requirement is the .zip suffix) and imported into COLLECT local authority early years foundation stage profile where the respective school/setting files will be extracted.

Data loaded into COLLECT is subjected to validation. For more details of the specific validation rules that will be applied, please see the [EYFSP technical specification](#).

After validation is complete you will be able to view your data return, observe the validation outcomes and decide if there is any further action on your part in response to the validations. For example, you may need to query something with a provider and return to COLLECT to make a change to the data. Once all appropriate action has been taken, you will need to “approve” the data so that the department can consider it to be finalised.

### 3.4. Schools/private, voluntary and independent settings recording and reporting options

Schools and private, voluntary and independent settings will have many of the same options for recording and reporting results that were available in the last data collection in 2019, such as (updated) school MIS and 2022 Department for Education spreadsheet (or paper sheet).

**Please note:** As there will be no COLLECT school blade for 2022, the Common Transfer File (CTF) should be transferred to the local authority.

#### 3.4.1. School management information system (MIS)

The school will create a CTF export file for submission to the local authority that will contain the child’s summary scale scores.

For those settings without access to a secure computer, the local authority may arrange some other paper recording system, and then key the data into the centralised local authority system.

### 3.4.2. Department for Education spreadsheet and paper sheet

Schools and private, voluntary and independent settings which are recording early years foundation stage profile results, but do not have access to a MIS, can use the EYFSP 2022 spreadsheet or paper sheet.

The spreadsheet/paper score sheet is available to local authorities on request from the data operations service desk and the release to schools/private, voluntary and independent settings, is at the discretion of the local authority.

The spreadsheet “Export” option creates a CSV file containing the relevant pupil contextual data and the 17 individual scale scores that have been entered for loading into the local authority’s central processing system.

Please be aware that this CSV file cannot be imported into COLLECT and needs to be loaded into the local authority central software.

When returning data to the local authority, the spreadsheet needs to be transferred securely following the local authority’s local procedures.

If any schools/private, voluntary and independent settings complete a paper return, the local authority will need to enter these results into its central processing system or transfer the data into the Department for Education spreadsheet and create a CSV export file to load into its central processing system. Again, the paper sheet should be returned to the local authority in a secure way.

### 3.5. Pupils for whom early years foundation stage profile results are required

The profile should be completed during the summer term of the academic year in which a child reached age 5 unless:

- an exemption has been granted by the secretary of state from the profile
- the child has recently arrived from abroad and so an accurate and valid assessment cannot be completed.
- the child has spent a lengthy period of time away from the setting, for example: due to illness or medical treatment.

In these situations, the profile should be completed with an ‘A’ code for each scale within the profile.

Or

- the child is continuing in early years foundation stage profile provision beyond the year in which they turn 5

In these exceptional cases, assessment should continue throughout the child's time within EYFS provision. An EYFS profile should be completed once only, at the end of the year before the child moves into KS1.

For further information, practitioners should refer to the [EYFSP handbook](#).

Early years foundation stage profile results are **not** required for children who are non-funded at the end of the early years foundation stage, that is, children who do not receive funding from the local authority in relation to the early education entitlement for eligible three and four year olds.

Local authorities are required to collect and report to the Department for Education the summary results for:

- all children at the end of the early years foundation stage in their maintained schools and nurseries.
- children in private, voluntary and independent settings where the child is still in receipt of government funding at the end of the early years foundation stage (the funding for a child in a private, voluntary and independent setting ceases in the term following the child's 5th birthday).

The local authority software will only include in the XML files for importing into COLLECT - local authority early years foundation stage profile children in private, voluntary and independent settings who are still in receipt of funding. Any children no longer in receipt of funding who were included in the return submitted by the private, voluntary and independent setting will be ignored.

## 4. COLLECT

### 4.1. Live system

The live 2022 early years foundation stage profile COLLECT system will be available from Wednesday 1 June 2022. Further notifications will be emailed to the relevant local authority officers nearer the time, as will any further information as necessary.

### 4.2. DfE Sign-in and COLLECT access

User names and passwords for COLLECT are managed by the [DfE Sign-in](#) system. Your local authority has a delegated approver(s) who can allocate you access to departmental systems that use DfE Sign-in. If you require access to EYFSP on COLLECT, please contact the approver in your local authority.

More information is available on the [DfE Sign-in help screen](#).

You can also get help using the [DfE Sign-in service request form](#)

## 5. General issues

If you have any COLLECT or early years foundation stage profile queries of a general nature, please use the [data collections service request form](#).

Please use the [feedback form](#) if you have any comments about the data collection content on the web site, the service offered by the data collections helpdesk, the COLLECT system or any other aspect of our data collection service.

# Appendix 1: code set for data items

## Local authorities

LA Number	LA Name
201	City of London
202	Camden
203	Greenwich
204	Hackney
205	Hammersmith and Fulham
206	Islington
207	Kensington and Chelsea
208	Lambeth
209	Lewisham
210	Southwark
211	Tower Hamlets
212	Wandsworth
213	Westminster
301	Barking and Dagenham
302	Barnet
303	Bexley
304	Brent
305	Bromley
306	Croydon
307	Ealing
308	Enfield
309	Haringey
310	Harrow
311	Havering
312	Hillingdon
313	Hounslow
314	Kingston upon Thames
315	Merton
316	Newham
317	Redbridge
318	Richmond upon Thames
319	Sutton
320	Waltham Forest
330	Birmingham
331	Coventry
332	Dudley
333	Sandwell
334	Solihull
335	Walsall
336	Wolverhampton

340	Knowsley
341	Liverpool
342	St Helens
343	Sefton
344	Wirral
350	Bolton
351	Bury
352	Manchester
353	Oldham
354	Rochdale
355	Salford
356	Stockport
357	Tameside
358	Trafford
359	Wigan
370	Barnsley
371	Doncaster
372	Rotherham
373	Sheffield
380	Bradford
381	Calderdale
382	Kirklees
383	Leeds
384	Wakefield
390	Gateshead
391	Newcastle upon Tyne
392	North Tyneside
393	South Tyneside
394	Sunderland
420	Isles Of Scilly
702	Service Children's Education
800	Bath and North East Somerset
801	Bristol, City of
802	North Somerset
803	South Gloucestershire
805	Hartlepool
806	Middlesbrough
807	Redcar and Cleveland
808	Stockton-on-Tees
810	Kingston upon Hull, City of
811	East Riding of Yorkshire
812	North East Lincolnshire
813	North Lincolnshire
815	North Yorkshire
816	York
821	Luton



822	Bedford Borough
823	Central Bedfordshire
825	Buckinghamshire
826	Milton Keynes
830	Derbyshire
831	Derby
838	Dorset
839	Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole
840	Durham
841	Darlington
845	East Sussex
846	Brighton and Hove
850	Hampshire
851	Portsmouth
852	Southampton
855	Leicestershire
856	Leicester
857	Rutland
860	Staffordshire
861	Stoke-on-Trent
865	Wiltshire
866	Swindon
867	Bracknell Forest
868	Windsor and Maidenhead
869	West Berkshire
870	Reading
871	Slough
872	Wokingham
873	Cambridgeshire
874	Peterborough
876	Halton
877	Warrington
878	Devon
879	Plymouth
880	Torbay
881	Essex
882	Southend-on-Sea
883	Thurrock
884	Herefordshire
885	Worcestershire
886	Kent
887	Medway
888	Lancashire
889	Blackburn with Darwen
890	Blackpool
891	Nottinghamshire

892	Nottingham
893	Shropshire
894	Telford and Wrekin
895	Cheshire East
896	Cheshire West and Chester
908	Cornwall
909	Cumbria
916	Gloucestershire
919	Hertfordshire
921	Isle of Wight
925	Lincolnshire
926	Norfolk
929	Northumberland
931	Oxfordshire
933	Somerset
935	Suffolk
936	Surrey
937	Warwickshire
938	West Sussex
940	North Northamptonshire
941	West Northamptonshire

## Appendix 2: Legislation

The following legislation underpins the requirement for the individual level data collection. The collection is a statutory requirement of providers and local authorities through regulations made under: Section 99 of the Childcare Act 2006 (Statutory Instrument 2008 No. 1722 and The Childcare (Provision of Information about Young Children) Regulations 2009.

Local authorities and providers do not need to obtain consent for the provision of information from parents of individual children. They must, however, meet their obligations to data subjects under the Data Protection Act 1998 and UK General Data Protection Legislation (GDPR).

## Appendix 3: Links to relevant websites

1. Information about completing the [early years foundation stage profile return](#)
2. Further information about the [early years foundation stage profile](#)

Local authorities can download a copy of the early years foundation stage profile [handbook](#)

3. Early years foundation profile statistics

The early years foundation stage profile results: 2021 to 2022 in England, containing headline figures from the data collection will be published on the Department's [explore education statistics website](#), date to be confirmed.

## Appendix 4: Glossary

<b>COLLECT</b>	COLLECT is a web based data collection tool. It has been developed and made available by the department for education and facilitates the data collection process. It enables the transfer of census data between local authorities and the department. It supports the management of the collection process, with various reports that monitor the quality and completeness of the return. Validation checking and error reporting is also built into COLLECT.
<b>CSV</b>	A comma-separated values (CSV) format data file is a text file consisting of a number of text records. Text values are separated by a comma and can optionally be enclosed in double quotes.
<b>CTF</b>	A <a href="#">Common Transfer File</a> is a file that contains statutory information about a child that should be transferred when they move schools and includes unique pupil number, surname, forename, date of birth, gender together with other information for example, assessments (end of key stage), attendance, special education needs and contacts. A complete list of fields can be found in the CTF guidance notes.
<b>Data sharing protocol</b>	When developing data collection the department is committed to four key principles. These are that: Data should be collected once and used many times Collection and sharing of data should be fully automated The value of any data collected should demonstrably outweigh the costs Personal data on individuals should be properly protected
<b>MIS</b>	Management information system(s) – propriety software system(s) used by schools and local authorities to collect, validate, store, and analyse a range of pupil, school, and workforce data.
<b>XML</b>	XML is the eXtensible Markup Language. It improves the functionality of the web by letting you identify your information in a more accurate, flexible, and adaptable way. XML contains a header followed by a repeating group of data. Government interoperability framework encourages the use of XML for data.



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