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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

This document is aimed at schools that complete the school census – either directly or via the local authority - so that they:

- understand the purpose and rationale of the school census
- are able to populate their management information systems with the required data at 'School' and 'Pupil' level
- are able to update / maintain their data throughout the year
- are able to complete the 2018 to 2019 school census returns

Please use this document as a handbook for data collected for the purposes of the school census and stored in schools' management information systems (MIS) throughout the year - not just as a guide for census days.

Local authorities may choose to use it directly with their schools, or amend to suit local needs as appropriate. Software suppliers may also find it a useful reference document.

1.1.1 Where should early years provision be recorded? [Not for: Middle-deemed primary, middle-deemed secondary and secondary] [Spring census only]

Schools with **funded** onsite early years provision make their return via **EITHER** the school census **OR** the early years census, **BUT NOT BOTH**. This paragraph confirms which census is used to return data on children receiving **funded** early education (that is: early education funded under the universal free entitlement 15 hours and the extended entitlement 15 hours):

- **registered pupils** of the school (2, 3 and 4-year-olds depending on the statutory age range of the school) are recorded via the **school census** (and **not** the early years census)
- children (aged 2, 3 and 4) attending a separate Ofsted registered PVI provider on a school site, are recorded via the **early years census** (and **not** the school census)
- children attending provision which has been provided by the school's governor's under [Section 27 of the Education Act 2002](#) ['s27 (governor run)'] should be **either**:
 - recorded via the **school census** where they are **registered pupils** of the school (can include 2 year olds if the school's statutory age range covers 2-year-olds); **or**

- recoded via the **early years census** where they are **not** registered pupils of the school

However, where a child’s free entitlement is split between more than one setting / school, such children may appear on the two different censuses depending on the nature of the setting / school and how the pupil is registered.

Please note: It is vitally important that the information for schools and early years providers be submitted on the correct census, as it will not be possible to retrospectively correct mistakes, and amend the data used for funding, after the relevant collection has closed.

1.1.2 School categories

Different data items are required from specific categories of schools participating in the census. These categories of schools are defined by the school phase returned in the census. The phase is defined in the table below. The statutory age ranges for each individual school are recorded on the [‘get information about schools’](#) (GIAS) website – which holds the department’s definitive school registration record.

| School Phase | Code | Notes |
|--|------|---|
| Nursery school | ‘NS’ | Including those with maintained or direct grant status |
| Primary | ‘PS’ | |
| Middle-deemed primary | ‘MP’ | |
| Middle-deemed secondary | ‘MS’ | |
| Secondary | ‘SS’ | |
| Special | ‘SP’ | Maintained and non-maintained special schools, including hospital special schools and academy special schools |
| All-through | ‘AT’ | Excluding PRU / AP and special schools. All-through schools must accommodate both pupils under the age of 7 AND over the age of 14 |
| Pupil referral unit / alternative provision (PRU / AP) | ‘PR’ | This code is used for pupil referral units, alternative provision academies and alternative provision free schools |

Pupil referral unit / alternative provision (PRU / AP) establishments are legally defined as schools and references to ‘schools’ within this document therefore include PRU / AP

(comprising pupil referral units, 'AP' academies and 'AP' free schools) establishments as well as all other school types within the scope of the school census. As such, 'AP' academies and 'AP' free schools provide the data required for pupil referral units / alternative provision.

Academy special schools provide the data required for special schools. All other academies (including free schools, university technical colleges (UTCs) and studio schools) provide data appropriate to the phase of education, which relates to the age range of their pupils.

Academies (including free schools, UTCs and studio schools), city technology colleges (CTCs) and non-maintained special schools (NMSS) submit their data direct to the department.

Depending on local arrangements, in relation to local authority maintained schools:

- these schools will either submit data directly to the department; or
- local authorities will collate and return the data on their behalf

MoD schools, both primary and secondary, are - on a voluntary basis - encouraged to participate.

Registered independent schools do not participate in the school census. Registered independent schools and general hospital schools provide data via the school level annual school census (SLASC) collection.

Alternative provision provided in a setting other than a pupil referral unit, AP academy or AP Free School (PRU / AP) and early years settings (private, voluntary and independent) are not included within the school census. Separate requirements and guides are issued for the [early years census](#) and [alternative provision census](#).

1.2 Statutory requirement, data sharing and data subject rights

1.2.1 Statutory requirement

The submission of the school census returns, including a set of named pupil records, is a statutory requirement on schools under [Section 537A of the Education Act 1996](#).

Putting the school census on a statutory basis:

- means that schools do not need to obtain parental or pupil consent to the provision of information

- ensures schools are protected from any legal challenge that they are breaching a duty of confidence to pupils
- helps to ensure that returns are completed by schools

1.2.2 Data protection and data sharing

The General Data Protection Regulation (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 [1.2.2.1](#) and [1.2.2.2](#) 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 GDPR. Further information on the GDPR can be found in the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) [overview of the General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#).

1.2.2.1 Legal duties under the 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 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 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.

1.2.2.2 Legal duties under the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018: data security

Schools and local authorities have a (legal) duty under the General Data Protection Regulation (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.

Where schools chose to use cloud software services, additional information on handling data securely within such environments is available within the [department guidance on data protection for schools considering cloud software services](#).

1.2.3 Collection of pupil characteristics from parents / guardians or pupils

Whilst it is not possible for a parent / guardian or an individual pupil to opt out of the school census collection, the following data items:

- [ethnicity](#)
- [language](#)
- [service child indicator](#)

must always be reported as declared by the parent / guardian or the pupil (where the pupil is deemed mature enough to have capacity to understand and agree to share their personal data with others).

Further guidance on the collection of these data items is available in [section 5.3](#) and this must be followed in conjunction with the requirements outlined in this section (see sections [1.2.3.1](#), [1.2.3.2](#) and [1.2.3.3](#)).

1.2.3.1 Data subject right of refusal

When collecting the data items listed above (see [section 1.2.3](#)) from the parent / guardian or pupil, schools **must** ensure that they are made aware of their right to decline to provide these data items. Where they exercise this right, the information is returned in the census using the code 'refused'.

1.2.3.2 When is it appropriate to collect information direct from a child / pupil?

Information may only be requested directly from a child / pupil where they are deemed mature enough to have capacity to understand and agree to share their personal data with others.

1.3 Structure of the school census

1.3.1 School and pupil census levels

The two elements of the school census – 'School' and 'Pupil' – are comprised of modules of data items that relate to a single theme or topic. This allows different combinations of modules to be collected in each termly collection.

1.3.2 Collection (school phase) marker

Each data item has a 'collection (school phase) marker' which indicates the phase(s) each data item applies to, for example: [Not for: Nursery schools], [For: PRU / AP only] or [For: Primary, middle-deemed primary and all-through]. Please note: that [Not for: Nursery schools] refers only to stand alone nursery schools and does not refer to nursery units attached to / included within primary schools.

The marker indicates the relevance of each data item to the school see sections [3.2.1 \(school level\)](#) and [3.2.2 \(pupil level\)](#) for full details of data items collected; relevance to school phase and collection periods.

1.3.3 Used for funding marker

Where a data item contributes to the school's funding calculation, such items are marked [used for funding] with this appearing alongside the collection (school phase) marker at 1.3.2 above.

The [used for funding] marker prompts schools that the marked data items need to be especially accurate, given that errors with these items may affect the school's funding.

1.3.4 Snapshot and continuous data [Not for: Nursery schools]

Much of the data collected represents some characteristic or status at a point in time - census day. There are also continuous items that capture data for a term or a year, examples of these are:

- attendance
- exclusions
- bursary funding
- post-16 learning aims

Please note: these may legitimately include data for pupils who have left school prior to (the relevant) census day. Therefore, successive instances of the census collections build up a continuous picture of, for example, a pupil's attendance and exclusion history. This is important to monitor as, for example, it is unlawful for a head teacher to issue a fixed-period exclusion if it would bring the total amount of fixed-period exclusions received during the school year by a single pupil, irrespective of the numbers of educational establishments attended, to 90 sessions or more.

1.3.5 Three collections a year

Different modules are collected in each termly census. As the school is the data controller for the data to be extracted, the extraction is undertaken on the instruction of the school. This means that the school has to be absolutely clear about which data items are to be extracted, and why.

Your school's management information system (MIS) software will extract the relevant data items for each census based on the [school census business and technical specification](#). However, the school retains responsibility for ensuring that the correct data items are extracted.

Details of the data items required for the 2018 to 2019 school census returns are provided within this document.

Whilst schools remain free to set their own term dates, for data collection purposes, the term times and collection dates are those as stated within this document.

1.4 Changes from 2017 to 2018 school census specifications

1.4.1 New data items

There are no new data items for the 2018-19 school census.

1.4.2 Existing data items

1.4.2.1 Special educational needs

Code 'S' – Statement of special educational needs – was discontinued from 2018-04-01 and has therefore been removed from SEN **except** where it applies to exclusions from the 2018 Spring and Summer terms, which are reported in the 2018 Autumn and 2019 Spring terms. This data item will not be valid for exclusions in the summer census collection.

1.4.2.2 Code 'NSA'

The guidance regarding the use of Code 'NSA' has been strengthened and can be found at paragraph [5.5.3](#) below.

1.4.2.3 Service child indicator

The 'Service Child' indicator has changed from a spring collection to being collected each term.

1.4.2.4 Recording industry placements

With the availability of new Capacity and Delivery Fund, there is a requirement to record industry placements. This will be achieved by using additional 'QNs' to record the hours duration of the placement - see paragraph [5.9.19](#) for further information.

1.4.3 Deleted data items

1.4.3.1 Proficiency in English

The collection of proficiency in English is no longer required by the department and, as such, it is removed from the school census collection with immediate effect.

Schools are therefore no longer required to assess a child's proficiency in English for purpose of transmitting to the department via the school census.

1.4.3.2 Pupil nationality

The collection of pupil nationality is no longer required by the department and, as such, it is removed from the school census collection with immediate effect. Schools must no longer request this information from parents, or retain the data within their system, for purpose of transmitting to the department via the school census.

1.4.3.3 Country of Birth

The collection of pupil country of birth is no longer required by the department and, as such, it is removed from the school census collection with immediate effect.

Schools must no longer request this information from parents, or retain the data within their system, for purpose of transmitting to the department via the school census.

2. Completing the school census

2.1 Census dates

Every school – see paragraph [1.1.1](#) above - in England has a statutory duty to complete the school census each term. Where schools operate six term years, the census collection is every other term.

The 2018 to 2019 census dates are:

- autumn census - first Thursday in October - 2018-10-04
- spring census - third Thursday in January – 2019-01-17
- summer census - third Thursday in May – 2019-05-16

It should be noted that a census cannot be loaded onto the department's COLLECT system without a relevant census date being entered. This is to prevent the inadvertent submission of previous census data.

2.2 Unusual circumstances

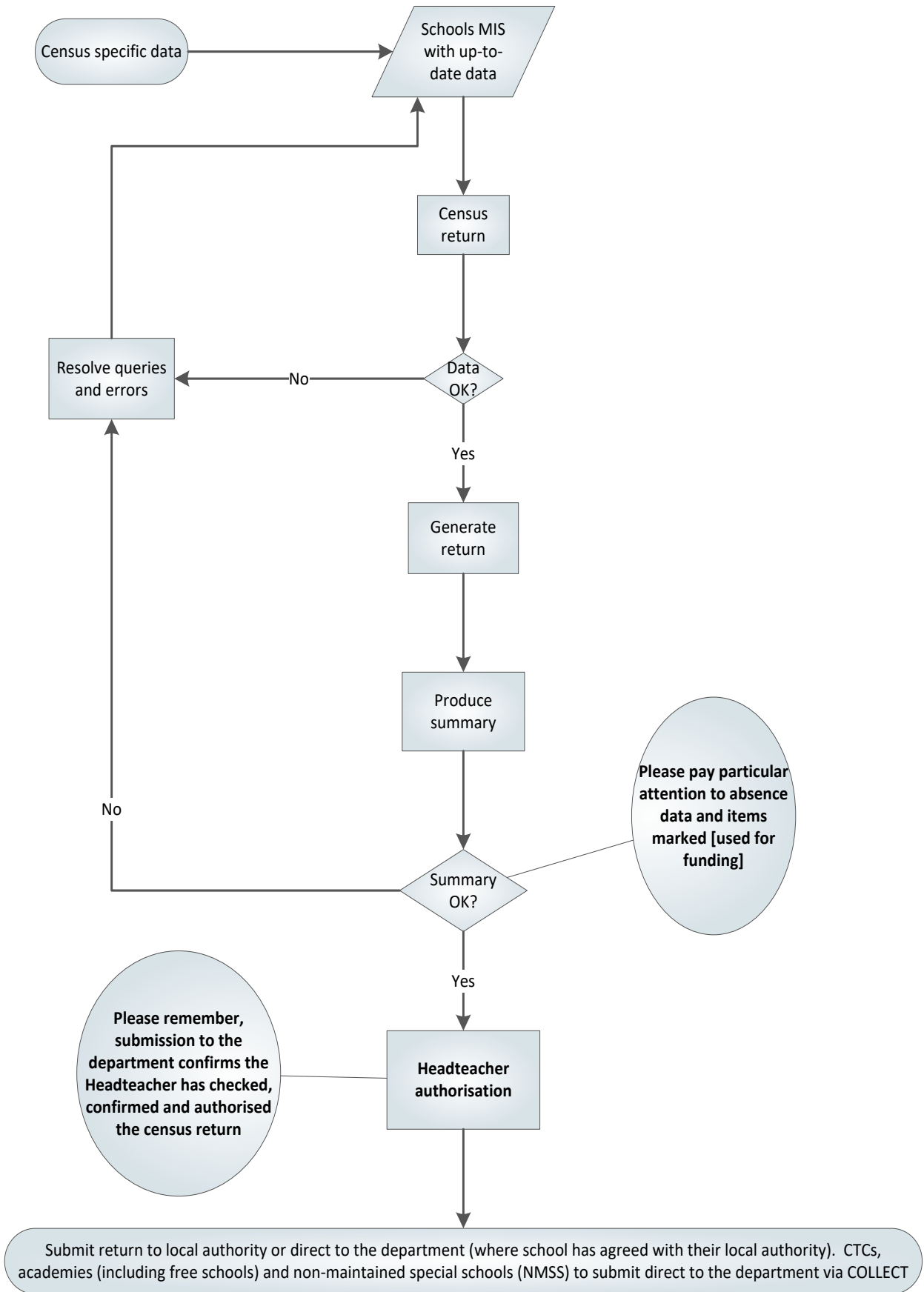
Where unusual circumstances affect census day – such as:

- severe weather conditions
- religious observances

schools may find that the numbers of pupils and / or staff who are not present on that day are abnormally high. Where 'free school meals taken' or 'school lunches taken' are affected, a day and time when the situation is regarded as normal is to be substituted. Schools / local authorities may interpret this literally as the next normal day or as an earlier day in census week or the previous Thursday where that reflects the normal situation. Where other days / times are used, schools must record these for audit purposes.

2.3 Process diagram

The following process diagram shows the steps taken to produce, check, authorise and submit each census return. Please note: the submission of the return to the department presumes that the head teacher has checked and authorised the return. It is vital that the data submitted is accurate, as errors may affect funding.



2.4 Update school management information system (MIS) with current data

The individual school characteristics and pupil records for the census are automatically extracted by your MIS, although some elements may not be able to be manually edited.

Whilst your software undertakes data validation, it is possible that:

- missing pupils
- missing excluded pupils
- exclusions data for those no longer on roll
- incorrect data

may not flag up any errors or queries. It is essential that all relevant pupil data has been entered and updated in your system before the school census return is created. Integrated software systems should allow the automatic extraction of information on exclusions and classes as taught - where the relevant data has previously been entered - but, where necessary, the information can be keyed directly into the school census return. **[Not for: Nursery schools]**

Individual data will be included in the return for the following pupils and you should ensure that all relevant data for them is maintained and up-to-date.

| Autumn census (October) | Spring census (January) | Summer census (May) |
|---|---|---|
| All pupils on the register on census day | All pupils on the register on census day | All pupils on the register on census day |
| Any additional pupils subject to any type of exclusion in the 2018 spring term [Not for: Nursery schools] | Any additional pupils subject to any type of exclusion in the 2018 summer term [Not for: Nursery schools] | Any additional pupils subject to any type of exclusion in the 2018 autumn term [Not for: Nursery schools] |
| Any additional pupils who attended the school in the previous term (2018 summer term) for which termly attendance information is required | Any additional pupils who attended the school in the previous term (2018 autumn term) for which termly attendance information is required | Any additional pupils who attended the school in the previous term (2019 spring term) for which termly attendance information is required [Not for: Nursery schools] |

| Autumn census (October) | Spring census (January) | Summer census (May) |
|--|--|---|
| <p>[Not for: Nursery schools]</p> <p>Any additional pupils who attended the school in the previous academic year (2017-18) for which learning aims are submitted [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP only]</p> | <p>[Not for: Nursery schools]</p> <p>Any additional pupils awarded a bursary since the start of the 2018-19 academic year [Not for: Nursery schools, primary and middle]</p> | <p>Any additional pupils awarded a bursary since the start of the 2018-19 academic year [Not for: Nursery schools, primary and middle]</p> |

2.4.1 Census day information

Information is to be provided for all pupils on the school's admission register, in accordance with:

- [Regulation 5 of the Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)
- The Education Act 1996 - [section 434](#) (1), (3), (4) & (6) and [section 458](#) (4) & (5)
- [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)
- [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2010](#)
- [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2011](#)
- [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013](#)
- [Departmental advice on attendance](#)

specifying the information that a school's admission register should hold.

Regulation 2 of the 2011 Regulations amends regulation 8 of the 2006 Regulations and specifies the circumstances under which a pupil can be removed from the register, for example:

- registration at another school
- written notification of parental intention to educate at home
- long term absence (four weeks or more) where both the school and local authority have failed after reasonable enquiry to locate the pupil

The 2013 Regulations also require that the pupil's name be provided.

School sixth forms are **not** permitted to remove students between years 12 and 13 because of poor AS level results.

The count on census day includes all pupils whose enrolment status is:

- 'C' (current - single registration at this school) **[ALL schools]**
- 'M' (current main - dual registration) **[ALL schools]**
- 'S' (current subsidiary - dual registration) **[ALL schools]**
- 'F' (FE college) where pupil is registered with the PRU / AP but is taught for the majority of their teaching time at the FE college **[For: PRU / AP only]**
- 'O' (other provider) where pupil is registered with the PRU / AP but is taught for the majority of their teaching time by the other alternative provision provider (which is not a school) **[For: PRU / AP only]**

The count excludes any pupil whose enrolment status is 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at the school but attending some sessions or lessons).

Please note the following:

- children of service families registered at the school on census day are no different to any other pupil registered at the school and will have an enrolment status of:
 - 'C' (current)
 - 'M' (dual main)
 - 'S' (dual subsidiary)

provided that the pupil is registered at the school on census day, they are included in the school's return

- traveller children can be registered at one or more schools and will have an enrolment status of:
 - 'C' (current)
 - 'M' (dual main)
 - 'S' (dual subsidiary)

provided that the pupil is registered at the school on census day, they are included in the school return.

A pupil would normally be dually registered if they were:

- registered at a mainstream school (main school) but considered to need specialist support by attending a special school (subsidiary school) on a regular basis and are also registered at the special school

- registered at a mainstream school (main school) but, because of, for example, behavioural problems, the pupil is also required to attend a PRU / AP (subsidiary school) for part of each week and is, therefore, also registered at the PRU / AP
- registered at a special school or a PRU / AP (main school) but also attending another mainstream school (subsidiary school) on a regular basis as part of preparation for return to the mainstream school

Where a pupil is no longer on the admissions register at your school on census day, you must **NOT** record the pupil as being on roll on census day.

2.4.2 Learner support code [Not for: Nursery schools, primary or middle-deemed primary]

The learner support code relates to the government's bursary fund to help the most vulnerable 16-19 year olds in full-time education. Data is collected in the spring and summer census only for pupils - aged 16 to 19 as at 2018-08-31 - who are on roll on census day or became off roll since the start of the academic year. Full details are at paragraph [5.3.18](#) below.

2.4.3 Attendance and exclusions data [Not for: Nursery schools]

Schools are to provide termly attendance data for any pupils aged 4 to 15 years who were on roll for one or more session(s) during the term for which data are collected.

Exclusions data is also provided for any pupils who were subject to any exclusion during the period for which data are collected.

Attendance and exclusions data is required for pupils who are no longer on roll on census day. For these pupils, the following modules / data items are collected and are retained on the MIS even though the pupil is no longer on roll:

- for attendance – the pupil status (excluding pupil enrolment status) and pupil identifiers modules are collected and it is important that pupil date of leaving is complete
- for exclusions - the pupil status (excluding pupil enrolment status) and pupil identifiers modules are collected

See paragraph [5.8](#) for termly attendance.

2.4.4 School identifiers [ALL schools]

The [GIAS](#) (get information about schools) unique reference number (URN) together with the departmental school number are required as school identifiers. The

departmental number is comprised of a three-digit local authority number and a four-digit establishment number to provide the 'LA / Estab' number.

It is essential that the 'URN' and 'LA / Estab' numbers are correct and up to date. Any error (including the provision of an old value of either the local authority [LA] or establishment ['Estab'] numbers) is likely to lead to the rejection of your return by the department. **If you are in any doubt about these numbers, please check.**

Maintained schools should check with their local authority and other schools should use [GIAS](#). However, all schools are able to access GIAS should they wish.

2.4.5 Error 130

Where a school triggers error 130 during data input, they must check that they have correctly entered the school establishment number and phase of education. Where this is verified, the school must use the notepad function to confirm that the number is correct.

This error checks the school establishment number against the school phase of education. Where a school has a number that falls outside the expected range – or the phase of education has been incorrectly entered - the error will trigger.

2.5 Census specific data

Depending on their local arrangements and software systems, schools may need to manually complete some modules when completing the census return for example exclusions and attendance [**Not for: Nursery schools**]. Details of which data items are required for the school census collections are given in [section 3](#).

2.6 Validation

Census data is used by / for:

- **funding purposes**
- underpinning the analyse school performance (ASP) system and the performance tables
- departmental policy divisions
- other government departments
- local authorities
- external agencies
- educational researchers
- informing published national statistics

As such, **data accuracy is highly important.**

Local authorities and the department expect zero errors on the census return. The only exception to this is where a technical issue generates an error that cannot be fixed or circumvented and an agreement has been reached between local authorities and the department that, where such an error arises, it is acceptable.

Schools' MIS software report most validation errors and queries. Where the department makes late changes to validations, commercial software suppliers may not be able to include such changes in their software releases. There are also some validation checks that are only produced within the department's COLLECT system (for example, term on term checks) where a school may see an 'error on load' even though nothing is shown when validated in the MIS. The department aims to keep such differences and any late changes to an absolute minimum.

When the data is validated for the school census, a validation **error** is generated when data rules are broken. For example:

- an 'illegal character' (one which falls outside XML strictures) is entered
- a value may be out of range
- totals do not add up correctly

Validation errors **must** be corrected.

A validation **query** is reported where the data is unusual or unexpected and reflects a potential inaccuracy or omission in the underlying data in the schools' MIS or entry on the census form.

For example:

- where no pupils are reported as having special educational needs
- where there is a probability of data being omitted - such as permanent exclusions

of which many schools may genuinely have had none in the previous school year.

Queries reported by MIS software must be investigated. Local authorities or the department will interrogate queries and it is essential to investigate them, amend data as necessary, or provide suitable notepad explanations in COLLECT.

2.7 Generating the school census return and data checks

This guide should be read in conjunction with the documentation provided by your software supplier and, for local authority maintained schools, any specific school census user guide available from your local authority.

Your software supplier is likely to have drawn up a 'data entry specification' listing all the pupil data that must be entered into your system if the records within your school census return are to be complete and correct. If you have not seen this specification, please contact your local authority for advice. If you do not take MIS / ICT support from the local authority, please contact your software supplier direct.

Your software may contain a series of 'data checks' which will help you to identify and correct errors and inconsistencies in your data prior to generating your school census return. Please follow this process carefully as it will substantially reduce the number of validation errors in your return and the associated work needed to resolve these.

Although data checks are very important, you cannot assume that successful completion of them guarantees that all the necessary data is present and that your school census return is correct. The absence of any validation errors or queries also does not guarantee a successful return. You must ensure that you have fully entered into your system all information required by the data entry specification.

The code values for data items listed in [section 3](#) are shown in sections [7 \(school level\)](#) and [8 \(pupil level\)](#) and will reflect the values contained in the data file which the software prepares for transmission to your local authority and / or the department. Whilst the department will endeavour to update guidance where there are any changes to codesets, the definitive list of codesets is available in the common basic data set ([CBDS](#)).

2.8 School summary

The census return software automatically generates a summary of the data within the school census return. As the return itself is too large to be viewed in its entirety, the school summary fulfils a number of purposes:

- to allow school staff preparing the return to visually check accuracy and completeness before passing it to the head teacher
- to allow the head teacher authorising the return to check accuracy and completeness before submitting the return to the local authority and / or the department. Please note: the school summary report contains information about persistent absenteeism. **[Not for: Nursery schools]** This is the school's only opportunity to check its census data before it is used by the department for funding purposes and published in performance tables
- where the summary report is forwarded to the local authority it allows them to check the return from the school and provides the department with assurance that the return has been subject to an element of data checking by the school and local authority
- it is strongly recommended that the summary report is inspected carefully with particular attention paid to:

- those sections that might reveal evidence that some individual pupil data was not entered on to the system prior to generating the return:
 - free school meal eligibility
 - the number of pupils with SEN
 - data items marked [used for funding]
- absence data – this element should be thoroughly checked

A comparison against the summary reports of the previous term or year will highlight any anomalous data between the respective census collections. It is vital for a school to check the accuracy of data in this summary report as it is this data that is submitted to the department as an accurate reflection of the situation in the school on census day.

As different data items are submitted in each census, the contents of the school summary report changes for each termly census.

2.8.1 COLLECT reports

In addition to the school summary, there are a number of reports within the COLLECT portal, designed to assist schools in reconciling their pupil numbers throughout the 'live' collection.

All available reports can be accessed via the 'launch reports' button on the school 'source page' of COLLECT. For further information on how to access and run reports, please see the [COLLECT guide for schools](#).

Please note: The population of the reports is an overnight process and therefore where new files are loaded or information is amended on screen, this will not be reflected in the reports until the following day.

Further details regarding the reports can be found in [section 9](#).

2.9 Authorisation by head teacher

The head teacher is responsible for the review and authorisation of census data, prior to submission to the local authority or direct to the department.

Authorisation by the head teacher confirms that the data submitted to the local authority or department is accurate and correct.

The act of submitting the data to the department, directly by:

- academies
- free schools

- non-maintained special schools
- city technology colleges

or via the local authority for maintained schools, automatically **confirms** the return as **authorised by the head teacher**.

Local authorities and schools can implement further authorisation methods, such as printing and signing the summary report to satisfy local audit purposes, should they wish.

2.10 Submitting the school census

Queries regarding the submission process are directed to the department's service desk. Queries are raised by the completion of a data collection [service request form](#). Please note: the service desk have five working days to provide a response to such queries.

2.10.1 Maintained schools

Following authorisation by the head teacher, the census return is made available to the local authority or the department as appropriate. Maintained schools will consult with their local authority on local arrangements for this process and confirm the deadline for provision of the return. The deadline must allow sufficient time for the local authority to discuss (and resolve) any queries about the data with the school before submitting it to the department.

2.10.2 Academies, city technology colleges, free schools and non-maintained special schools

Following authorisation by the head teacher, the census return is submitted directly to the department using the COLLECT system.

2.10.3 School census return dates

The deadline for all school census returns to reach the department is provided in the table below:

| Data collection | Census day | Deadline for returns |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Autumn census | Thursday 2018-10-04 | Wednesday 2018-10-31 |
| Spring census | Thursday 2019-01-17 | Wednesday 2019-02-13 |
| Summer census | Thursday 2019-05-16 | Wednesday 2019-06-12 |

3. Preparation – data items required

Most of the data collected in the school census is that which a well-managed school would be expected to use for its own purposes. The majority of data items maintained within a school’s MIS on an event driven basis.

Data items collected in the 2018 to 2019 school census are grouped into modules as follows:

| School level (section 4) | Pupil level (section 5) |
|---|--|
| School characteristics | Pupil identifiers |
| Miscellaneous Please note: The free school meals element (within Miscellaneous) is: [Not for: PRU / AP] | Pupil characteristics |
| | Pupil status |
| | Special educational needs |
| | Exclusions [Not for: Nursery schools] |
| | Home information Please note: The collection of the unique property reference number is voluntary |
| | Termly attendance: Autumn Census [Not for: Nursery schools] Spring and Summer Censuses [Not for Nursery schools] |
| | Post 16 Learning Aims [Not for: Nursery schools, primary, middle-deemed and special schools] |

Schools are encouraged to review the data items collected in the school census before the start of the academic year 2018 to 2019 to ensure information is entered correctly within their MIS.

Codesets for individual data items are given in sections [7 \(pupil level\)](#) and [8 \(school level\)](#).

3.1 Quotation marks

Whilst the school's management information system is configured to manage double and single quotation marks, the use of such characters can cause issues once the data has left the school. As such, where possible, schools are requested not to use quotation marks [(" and (')] in their normal course of business.

Whilst this will have little impact within the MI system, this will assist the department when the data is transferred to the department via the COLLECT system.

3.2 What will be collected when?

3.2.1 School Level

The table below shows the school level data items collected in the autumn, spring and summer census collections. The "✓" mark signifies that the data item is required and the "✗" mark that it is not. Further information about the data items is given in [section 4](#).

| Title | Nursery | | | Primary | | | Middle-deemed primary | | | Middle-deemed secondary | | | Secondary | | | All-through | | | Special | | | Pupil referral unit | | |
|---|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|-----------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|---------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
| | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su |
| Local authority number | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Departmental establishment number | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| School name | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| School phase | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Type of school | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Maximum year group | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Minimum year group | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Intake type | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Governance | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| School email address | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| School telephone number | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Special school organisation | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | |
| Maximum day pupils | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | |
| Maximum boarding pupils | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | |
| Minimum age - boys | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | |
| Maximum age - boys | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | |
| Minimum age - girls | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | |
| Maximum age - girls | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | |
| School SEN type (as used in school census) | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | |
| Child mother indicator | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | |
| Teenage mother places | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | |
| Childcare facilities indicator | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | |
| Primary admissions appeals lodged | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | |
| Primary admissions appeals withdrawn | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | |
| Primary admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | |
| Primary admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee – decided in parent's favour | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | |

| Title | Nursery | | | Primary | | | Middle-deemed primary | | | Middle-deemed secondary | | | Secondary | | | All-through | | | Special | | | Pupil referral unit | | |
|---|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|-----------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|---------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
| | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su |
| Primary admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee - rejected | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Infant admissions appeals lodged | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Infant admissions appeals withdrawn | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Infant admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Infant admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee - decided in parent's favour | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Infant admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee - rejected | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Secondary admissions appeals lodged | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Secondary admissions appeals withdrawn | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Secondary admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Secondary admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee – decided in parent's favour | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Secondary admissions appeals heard by independent admissions committee - rejected | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Part-time pupils not at school | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Private study pupils | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Pupils at another school | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Pupils on work experience | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Pupils at FE colleges | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Class reference name | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| No. of teachers in the class | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |

| Title | Nursery | | | Primary | | | Middle-deemed primary | | | Middle-deemed secondary | | | Secondary | | | All-through | | | Special | | | Pupil referral unit | | |
|---|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|-----------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|---------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
| | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su |
| No. of adult non-teachers in the class | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Class year group | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Class type | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Class key stage | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Class activity | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| No. of pupils from the host school in the class | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| No. of pupils from other schools in the class | x | x | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Free school meals taken | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | x | x |
| Type of childcare | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Childcare on site | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Signposting off-site childcare provision | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Opening time | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Closing time | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Childcare places | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Childcare provider | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Other schools | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |
| Childcare number of weeks open | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | x |

3.2.2 Pupil level

The table below shows the individual pupil level data items collected in the autumn, spring and summer census collections. “On” signifies that the data item is required for pupils on roll on census day; “Off” for those no longer on roll on census day but for whom some data is required; “B” for all pupils, both those on and off roll. The “✖” mark means not required for the census. Further information about the data items is given in [section 5](#).

| Title | Nursery | | | Primary | | | Middle-deemed primary | | | Middle-deemed secondary | | | Secondary | | | All-through | | | Special | | | Pupil referral unit | | |
|--|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|-----------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|---------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
| | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su |
| Unique pupil number (UPN) | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| ULN | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil's former UPN | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil surname | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil forename | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil middle names | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil preferred surname | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Pupil former surname | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil gender | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil date of birth | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Ethnicity | x | On | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x |
| Language code | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Free school meal eligibility start date | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Free school meal eligibility end date | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Country of UK | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| School lunch taken | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Youth support services agreement indicator | x | x | x | x | x | x | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Service children in education indicator | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Funded free entitlement hours | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Extended entitlement hours | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| 30-hour code | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Disability access fund indicator | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Hours at setting | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| 2-year-old funding basis | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x |
| Unit contact time pupil | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | On | x |
| Early years pupil premium receipt | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x |
| Early years premium basis of funding | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x |
| Learner support code | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | B | x | B | B | x | B | B | x | B | B | x | B | B |
| Top up funding indicator | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |

| Title | Nursery | | | Primary | | | Middle-deemed primary | | | Middle-deemed secondary | | | Secondary | | | All-through | | | Special | | | Pupil referral unit | | |
|---|---------|----|----|---------|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|
| | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su |
| Post looked after arrangements | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Planned learning hours | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| Planned employability, enrichment and pastoral hours | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| Full-time employment indicator | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | x | x | x | On | x | x |
| Maths GCSE highest prior attainment | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| Maths GCSE prior attainment year group | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| English GCSE highest prior attainment | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| English GCSE prior attainment year group | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| Maths GCSE funding exemption | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| English GCSE funding exemption | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x |
| Pupil enrolment status | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Class type | x | x | x | On | On | On | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | On | On | On | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Pupil date of entry | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil date of leaving | x | x | x | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off |
| Pupil part-time indicator | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil boarder indicator | On | On | On | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil's actual national curriculum year group | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Pupil's actual national curriculum year group on leaving | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | Off | x | x | Off | x | x | x | x | x | Off | x | x |
| Pupil SEN provision (formerly stage) | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Pupil SEN type ranking | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x |
| Pupil SEN type | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x | x | On | x |
| Member of SEN unit (sometimes called special class) indicator | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Member of resourced provision indicator | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Exclusion category | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Exclusion reason | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |

| Title | Nursery | | | Primary | | | Middle-deemed primary | | | Middle-deemed secondary | | | Secondary | | | All-through | | | Special | | | Pupil referral unit | | |
|--|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|-----------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|---------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
| | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su |
| Exclusion start date | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Exclusion actual number of sessions | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Pupil SEN provision (formerly stage) | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Postcode | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | B | On | On | B | On | On | On | On | On | B | On | On |
| Unique property reference number ¹ | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | B | On | On | B | On | On | On | On | On | B | On | On |
| Secondary address object number | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Primary address object number | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Street | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Locality | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Town | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Administrative area | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Post town | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Address line 1 | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Address line 2 | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Address line 3 | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Address line 4 | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Address line 5 | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On | On |
| Possible sessions | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | x | B | B | B | B | B |
| Sessions missed due to authorised absence | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | x | B | B | B | B | B |
| Sessions missed due to unauthorised absence | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | x | B | B | B | B | B |
| Attendance codes | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | x | B | B | B | B | B |
| Number of sessions missed | x | x | x | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | x | B | B | B | B | B |
| Possible sessions (summer half term) | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Sessions missed due to authorised absence (summer half term) | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Sessions missed due to unauthorised absence (summer half term) | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |

¹ Voluntary collection

| Title | Nursery | | | Primary | | | Middle-deemed primary | | | Middle-deemed secondary | | | Secondary | | | All-through | | | Special | | | Pupil referral unit | | | | | |
|--|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|-----------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|---------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|---|---|---|
| | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | Au | Sp | Su | | | |
| Attendance codes (summer half term) | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Number of sessions missed (summer half term) | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Qualification number | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Subject classification code | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Learning aim start date | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Learning aim planned end date | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Learning aim actual end date | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Learning aim status | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Core Aim | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Partner UKPRN | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Learning aim withdrawal reason | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |
| Traineeship | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x | x | x | x | B | x | x | B | x | x |

4. School level

4.1 Survey reference date [ALL schools]

The survey reference dates (in the format yyyy-mm-dd) are:

- 2018-10-04 for the autumn census
- 2019-01-17 for the spring census
- 2019-05-16 for the summer census

These are automatically generated by your MIS, but ought to be variable to allow for alternative dates where there are special circumstances (as described in section [2.1](#)).

4.2 School characteristics module

All data items are maintained on an event driven basis.

4.2.1 Local authority (LA) number [ALL schools] [used for funding]

A three-digit code that identifies a particular local authority. The local authority number identifies each local authority responsible for maintained education. The local authority numbers can be found at codeset CS003 in the common basic data set ([CBDS](#)).

4.2.2 Departmental establishment number [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The departmental establishment number is a four-digit reference number allocated to each school. Whilst the 'estab' number is unique within each local authority area, it is only truly unique when used in combination with the local authority number (LA / Estab).

You can check your departmental establishment number by accessing [GIAS](#).

4.2.3 Establishment unique reference number (URN) [ALL schools]

The URN records the 6-digit establishment unique reference number as held on the department's [GIAS](#) system. This assists in the identification of establishments.

4.2.4 School name [ALL schools] [used for funding]

In full, including the word 'School', 'College', 'Academy' or 'Free School' where this is part of the school's full name.

4.2.5 School phase [ALL schools] [used for funding]

This code indicates the phase of education offered by your school. Schools select the phase that is appropriate to them, as different data items are required in the school census from different phases of schools.

Academies use the phase appropriate to their establishment number. Traditional sponsor-led academies (those with establishment numbers in the range of 6905-6999) select secondary or all-through. Establishment number ranges for each phase are given in the table below:

| School phase | Code | Establishment number range | Notes |
|---------------------------|------|--|--|
| Nursery | 'NS' | 1000-1099, 1800-1899, 6000-6899 | Includes those with maintained or direct grant status |
| Primary | 'PS' | 2000-3999, 5200-5299, 5940-5949, 6000-6899 | |
| Middle (deemed primary) | 'MP' | 2000-3999, 5200-5299, 5940-5949, 6000-6899 | |
| Middle (deemed secondary) | 'MS' | 4000-4999, 5400-5499, 5900-5939, 6000-6899 | |
| Secondary | 'SS' | 4000-4999, 5400-5499, 5900-5939, 6000-6899, 6900-6999 | Includes city technology colleges |
| All-through | 'AT' | The following number may NOT be used: 1000-1099, 1100-1150, 1800-1899, 5950-5999, 7000-7999 | For schools that make provision for pupils aged under 7 and over 14. Excludes PRU / AP and special schools |

| School phase | Code | Establishment number range | Notes |
|--|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Special | 'SP' | 5950-5999, 6000-6899, 7000-7999 | Maintained and non-maintained special schools, including hospital special schools and academy special schools |
| Pupil referral unit / alternative provision ('AP') | 'PR' | 1100-1150, 6000-6899 | This code is used for pupil referral units, 'AP' academies and 'AP' free schools |

4.2.6 Type of school [ALL schools] [used for funding]

This code indicates which type of educational establishment the school is (see codeset in [section 7](#)).

[Not for: PRU / AP]

All academies are recorded on the school census with school type '49' (academies). This means that any 'maintained schools' which have converted to an academy or have become a 'sponsor led' academy must update their school type to '49' (academies) in their MIS.

[For: PRU / AP]

Local authority maintained PRUs use school type '54' (local authority maintained pupil referral unit) whilst AP academies and AP free schools use type '49' (academies).

4.2.7 Maximum year group [ALL schools]

This is the highest year group for which the school customarily makes provision. Exceptional pupils / situations (for example, 'held back') do not influence this value (see codeset in [section 7](#)).

4.2.8 Minimum year group [ALL schools]

This is the lowest year group for which the school customarily makes provision. Exceptional pupils / situations (for example, 'early entry') do not influence this value (see codeset in [section 7](#)).

4.2.9 Intake type [ALL schools]

This code denotes the policy for admitting pupils to the establishment and is decided by the school or in conjunction with the local authority.

Where the school has no specific criteria for offering a place then 'COMP' (comprehensive) is recorded. This denotes comprehensive in the sense: 'of broad scope', which includes pupils being in a certain catchment distance area from the school.

Where a school has more than one criterion for offering a place (such as, it is a catholic grammar school) only one intake type is recorded. The school must designate one criterion as 'main' and use this in the census even where criteria are considered equally weighted.

4.2.10 Governance [ALL schools]

The governance field records the school's governance as indicated on the establishment's 'Instrument of Governance'.

Please note that all academies are recorded on the school census with governance of 'CA'. Any 'maintained schools' which have converted to an academy or have become a 'sponsor led' academy must update their governance to 'CA' in their MIS.

4.2.11 School email address [ALL schools]

The e-mail address for official communications must be present and include the character '@'. The email address provided must be for an account that is used on a regular basis and one that is accessible to the head teacher, such as, 'head@' or 'office@'. This would not normally be an email address that identifies a particular individual by name. This email address may be used for future departmental correspondence.

4.2.12 School telephone number [ALL schools]

This is the main school telephone number that is used for official purposes - please ensure the entire number is recorded (including the area code).

4.2.13 Special school organisation [For: Special only]

This denotes whether the school provides accommodation for mainly day pupils, mainly boarding pupils or is a hospital school.

4.2.14 Maximum day pupils [For: Special only] [spring only]

The maximum number of day pupils for whom the school is approved to make a provision.

4.2.15 Maximum boarding pupils [For: Special only] [spring only]

The maximum number of boarding pupils for whom the school is approved to make a provision.

4.2.16 Minimum age – boys [For: Special only] [spring only]

The minimum age for which the school is approved to make a provision for boys.

4.2.17 Minimum age – girls [For: Special only] [spring only]

The minimum age for which the school is approved to make a provision for girls.

4.2.18 Maximum age - boys [For: Special only] [spring only]

The maximum age for which the school is approved to make a provision for boys.

4.2.19 Maximum age - girls [For: Special only] [spring only]

The maximum age for which the school is approved to make a provision for girls.

4.2.20 School SEN type [For: Special only] [spring only]

The type of special need for which the school is formally approved to make provision (see codeset in [section 7](#)).

4.2.21 Child mother indicator [For: PRU / AP only]

Indicates whether the PRU / AP makes provision for child mothers.

4.2.22 Teenage mother places [For: PRU / AP only]

Pupil referral units submit the number of places available for teenage mothers at the PRU / AP in census week.

4.2.23 Childcare facilities indicator [For: PRU / AP only]

Indicates whether the PRU / AP has childcare facilities.

4.3 Admission appeals modules [Not for: Nursery schools, special or PRU / AP] [spring only]

Figures on admission appeals are collected (in the spring census only), from schools that were responsible for their own appeals, relating to appeals against applicants having not received a requested offer of a place for the **start** of the 2018 to 2019 academic year.

Information about appeals lodged on or after 2018-09-01 is not required. Nor is information required about in-year appeals (appeals against a refusal to admit a pupil during the course of the 2018 to 2019 academic year) - just those that relate to entry at the start of the academic year.

Recent academy converters (including a conversion of an existing school into a sponsored academy) complete the module as long as they converted before spring census day, 2019-01-17.

Only appeals that are the responsibility of the school’s governing body are included. However, where a school has contracted another agency, such as their home local authority, to administer their admissions appeals process, as long as the school’s governance code is ‘VA’, ‘FO’ or ‘CA’, the school still complete the module. Where your school operates arrangements jointly with other schools, your return will include appeals for your school only.

The module has three elements as detailed in paragraphs 4.3.1 to 4.3.3 below.

4.3.1 Primary admissions appeals

This module collects information about admissions appeals from primary schools (or the primary years of an all through school). These are required from schools in the spring census with the phase and governance of:

| Phase | Governance |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| ‘PS’ - primary | ‘VA’ - voluntary aided |
| ‘MP’ - middle-deemed primary | ‘FO’ - foundation |
| ‘AT’ - all-through | ‘CA’ - academy |

Primary and middle-deemed primary schools are to provide information on all of their appeals in this module. All through schools must provide information in this module on all their admissions appeals that relate to entry into years’ reception to six inclusive.

Please note: infant admissions appeals data are also contained within the primary admissions appeals data.

Please see paragraph [4.4](#) for the elements to be returned.

4.3.2 Infant admission appeals

This module collects information about admissions appeals from schools that have infant classes. It is a subset of the primary figure provided in the module described in [4.3.1](#). These are required from schools in the spring census with the phase and governance of:

| Phase | Governance |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 'PS' - primary | 'VA' - voluntary aided |
| 'AT' - all-through | 'FO' - foundation |
| | 'CA' - academy |

Infant is defined as 'NC year Actual' equals 'Reception', '1' and '2' (inclusive). All-through schools **must** complete this module as long as they teach one or more of these years.

Primary and all-through schools include their admission appeals figures for infants both in the infant and in the primary admissions appeals modules.

Please see paragraph [4.4](#) for the elements to be returned for admissions appeals.

4.3.3 Secondary admissions appeals

This module collects information about admissions appeals from secondary schools (or the secondary years of an all through school). These are required from schools in the spring census with the phase and governance of:

| Phase | Governance |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 'MS' - middle-deemed secondary | 'VA' - voluntary aided |
| 'SS' - secondary | 'FO' - foundation |
| 'AT' - all-through | 'CA' - academy |

Middle-deemed secondary and secondary schools are to provide information on all of their appeals in this module.

All through schools must provide information in this module on all of their admissions appeals that relate to entry into years 7 upwards.

Appeals relating to sixth forms and 14-19 schools are included within the secondary admission appeals module. As such, any appeals for year 12 and above are included within this module.

Please see paragraph [4.4](#) for the elements to be returned.

4.4 Details of the admissions appeals figures to be returned [Not for nursery schools, special or PRU / AP]

Information is required on the number of appeals:

- lodged
- withdrawn
- heard
- rejected
- decided in favour of the parents

4.4.1 Admission appeals lodged [Not for: Nursery schools, special or PRU / AP]

Total number of admission appeals lodged by parents between March 2018 and August 2018 inclusive against non-admission to the school for the start of the academic (admission) year beginning September 2018.

Appeals lodged as 'refusal to admit for academic year 2018/19' are included as long as the appeal was lodged before the 1 September 2018. This will include:

- appeals lodged prior to 1 September, where the hearing and / or decision took place after that date
- appeals not pursued to the hearing stage, and those not resolved
- appeals that did not reach a hearing because a place became available (at your school or another) which was accepted by parents

Note the number of admissions appeals withdrawn ([4.4.2](#)) and heard ([4.4.3](#)) should normally be a subset of the number of appeals lodged.

4.4.2 Admission appeals withdrawn

Total number of the above-heard admission appeals withdrawn by parents before reaching an independent appeals panel (a panel set up by the governors in accordance with [The School Admissions \(Appeals Arrangements\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) Again, this figure will include appeals that did not reach a hearing because a place became available and was accepted by the parents.

4.4.3 Admission appeals heard by independent admission appeals panel

Total number of the above lodged admission appeals heard by an independent appeals panel. This figure is then split into those decided in the parent's favour (4.4.4) and rejected (4.4.5).

4.4.4 Admission appeals heard by independent admission appeals panel - decided in the parent's favour

Total number of the heard admission appeals decided in the parent's favour by an independent appeals panel.

4.4.5 Admission appeals heard by independent admission appeals panel - rejected

Total number of the heard admission appeals rejected by an independent appeals panel.

4.5 Pupil reconciliation module [Not for: Nursery schools, special or PRU / AP] [spring only]

The purpose of this reconciliation is to check that the number of registered pupils for whom the return contains individual pupil data is consistent with the number of pupils reported in classes as taught - after allowing for the fact that some registered pupils may not have been in class at the selected time.

To enable the pupil reconciliation to be carried out the software will ask you to enter the number of pupils in each of the following groups:

- pupils engaged in private study at the selected time
- pupils attending another educational provision at the selected time
- pupils attending FE college **[Not for: Primary or middle-deemed primary]**

- pupils attending work experience **[Not for: Primary or middle-deemed primary]**

The software will then execute the reconciliation and generate an error message if pupil numbers do not agree. The reconciliation consists of the following calculation:

- number of pupils from this school scheduled to be in the class at the selected time summed over all classes as taught
- **plus**, pupils engaged in private study at the selected time
- **plus**, pupils from this school who were part-time pupils not scheduled to be in attendance at the school at the selected time
- **plus**, pupils attending another school at the selected time

must equal:

the number of pupils on roll on census day for whom individual pupil data have been provided (not including any guest pupils).

4.6 Class information module **[Not for: Nursery schools, special or PRU / AP] [spring only]**

Details are required of all classes running at the selected time on census day (17 January 2019). If different parts of the school use different timetable structures, then systems should allow the school to return class information for the timetable structure that applies to Key Stage 1. For example, where lunch is at 12:00 hours for pupils following a primary timetable but at 13:00 hours for pupils following a secondary timetable, then the end of morning school should be taken to be 12:00 hours and not 13:00 hours. The 'selected time' is based on the last digit of a school's departmental establishment number as follows:

| Code | Descriptor |
|--------------|---|
| 2, 3 or 6 | The selected time is one hour after the start of afternoon school |
| 4, 7, 8 or 9 | The selected time is one hour after the start of morning school |
| 0, 1 or 5 | The selected time is one hour before the end of morning school |

Where the selected time is not appropriate to the school timetable: where the selected time is when the whole school or a large proportion of the school is in an assembly with the head teacher; schools can choose an hour / period that reflects a 'normal' class situation that applies at the selected time each Thursday of the term (see paragraph [2.1](#)). Do not record unusual situations (such as class amalgamation or school closure) which may have occurred on census day due, for example, to staff training or absence, severe weather conditions or religious observances.

Any group of pupils receiving instruction outside the normal class framework at the selected time, including pupils in an SEN unit or special class, are treated as a separate 'class as taught' unless this is an atypical or temporary arrangement.

4.6.1 Infant class guidance [For: Primary and all-through schools only]

[The School Admissions \(Infant Class Sizes\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) limit the size of an infant class during an ordinary teaching session to 30 pupils per schoolteacher. Infant classes are those in which the majority of children turn 5, 6 or 7 during the course of the school year (reception and key stage 1 classes).

Primary and all-through schools with infant classes are asked to ensure that the selected period is one in which their infant classes are engaged in an ordinary teaching session. An ordinary teaching session does not include school assembly or any other school activity usually conducted with large groups of children such as:

- PE / games
- music
- singing
- drama
- watching television
- listening to the radio

Where, at the time of the count, infant class children would be involved in such an activity, the count is deferred to the next ordinary teaching session. This change of selected time is enacted for all classes in the school, not just the infant classes.

Any primary or all-through school that appears to have infant classes (reception and / or 'KS1') in breach of the legal class size limit of 30 pupils per single school teacher (as a result of teachers being on PPA time, those reporting classes with 'excepted activities' or any other circumstances) will be contacted by the department for further details. An explanation or the 'exception reason' will be sought. Where necessary, the Secretary of State has the power to direct schools to comply.

[The School Admissions \(Infant Class Sizes\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) prescribe certain limited circumstances in which pupils may be admitted as exceptions to the infant class size limit. These exceptions are:

- a) children admitted outside the normal admissions round with an education, health and care plan specifying a school

- b) looked after children and previously looked after children admitted outside the normal admissions round
- c) children admitted, after initial allocation of places, because of a procedural error made by the admission authority or local authority in the original application process
- d) children admitted after an independent appeals panel upholds an appeal
- e) children who move into the area outside the normal admissions round for whom there is no other available school within reasonable distance (the LA has to confirm that the child qualifies under this category)
- f) children of UK service personnel admitted outside the normal admissions round;
- g) children whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted otherwise than as an excepted pupil
- h) children with special educational needs who are normally taught in a special educational needs unit attached to the school, or registered at a special school, who attend some infant classes within the mainstream school

These children will remain an 'excepted pupil' for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit.

4.6.2 Class reference name [Not for: Nursery schools, PRU / AP and special]

This records the class name with space for 30 characters.

4.6.3 Number of teachers in the class [Not for: Nursery schools, PRU / AP and special]

The number of teaching staff taking the class. Include all qualified or unqualified teachers - exclude those wholly or mainly providing support to individual pupils.

4.6.4 Number of adult non-teachers in the class [Not for: Nursery schools, PRU / AP and special]

The number of education support-staff present in the class. Include teaching assistants, special needs support staff, minority ethnic pupils support staff, and other education support staff. Exclude non-teaching staff wholly or mainly providing support to individual pupils.

4.6.5 Class year group [Not for: Nursery schools, PRU / AP and special]

The curriculum followed by the class and hence the values of the national curriculum (NC) year groups for pupils in the class, rather than their dates of birth. Mixed year groups are those containing pupils from more than one NC year group.

The presence of the odd pupil who has been held back or advanced a year, and so is of a different chronological age to the rest of the class, does not render the class as a mixed year group class (see codeset in [section 7](#)).

4.6.6 Class type [For: Primary and all-through only]

Indicates whether a class is a designated 'nursery class'. A 'nursery class' is one designated as such by the local authority - any class not so designated is counted as an 'other' ('O') class even if it contains nursery-age pupils.

4.6.7 Class key stage [For: Primary and all-through only]

Indicates which key stage is taught in the class.

4.6.8 Class activity [For: Primary and all-through only]

The data item highlights a single activity that takes place in a classroom, for example private studies, group project work (see codeset in [section 7](#)).

Primary and all-through schools with infant classes are to ensure that the selected period is one when the class (key stage 1 and / or 'Reception') is engaged in academic activity rather than the excepted activities as at [paragraph 4.8.1](#) above.

This change of selected period should be enacted for all classes in the school and not just for the infant classes.

4.6.9 Number of pupils from the host school in the class [Not for: Nursery schools, PRU / AP and special]

The number of pupils from this school scheduled to be in the class at the selected time. Include any pupils temporarily absent on census day. Part-time pupils not scheduled to be in the school at the selected time are excluded and counted instead in the pupil reconciliation module.

4.6.10 Number of pupils from other schools in the class [Not for: Nursery schools, PRU / AP and special]

The number of pupils from other schools scheduled to be in the class at the scheduled time. Include pupils from other schools for whom attendance in this class at the selected time is the normal arrangement.

4.7 Miscellaneous module [ALL schools] [spring only]

This module contains data items that do not easily fit within the other modules and is collected in the spring census only.

4.7.1 Free school meals taken [Not for: PRU / AP]

This records the total number of free school meal ('FSM') eligible pupils who had a free school meal at lunchtime on census day. Include both day and boarding pupils to reflect what occurred on census day, unless the lunchtime situation that day was abnormal, in which case the figure is based on the next normal day. Meals provided at the beginning or end of the school day are **not** included in the census return.

Pupils are recorded as 'FSM' eligible where they meet the 'FSM' eligibility criteria (that is, in respect to family income) and make a claim. Pupils who are in receipt of a free school lunch due the universal infant free school meal entitlement are **not** recorded as 'FSM' and not included in the free school meals taken record.

4.7.2 School childcare [ALL schools]

The school performance tables include comprehensive information on what childcare primary and secondary schools offer – from nurseries to after school and holiday provision. This assists parents in making the best decisions for their families and increases their ability to see where they can access their free² childcare (for three and four year olds) and helps families find and access as many high-quality options as simply as possible.

Schools must provide information on the provision of – or signposting to – childcare, together with the nature of the childcare provided / signposted. This is captured using the following eight data items (see codesets at [section 7](#)) and the school **must** provide

² Free childcare is available as a universal 15-hour entitlement for all three and four-year-olds. Some local authorities offer an additional 10 hours (at their own discretion) to this entitlement. Working parents may also claim 15 hours of extended childcare – to take the total childcare to a maximum of 30 hours.

an answer to whether there is on-site provision (and any subsequent information) and whether the school signposts off-site provision for each of the four types of childcare.

A school may also signpost / promote off-site childcare whilst providing on-site childcare. In such an instance, this element records the information required under both the 'YES' and the signposting options at paragraphs 4.7.2.1 to 4.2.7.4 below.

Please note: The **minimum** return from a school that **does not** provide on-site childcare and **also does not** signpost off-site provision is, **for each type of childcare:**

- a 'NO' for on-site, and
- the signposting details

4.7.2.1 Before school childcare service [<TypeOfChildcare> equals 'B']

Is there a regular before school childcare service¹ on the school site? (YES / NO)

Where YES²:

- What time does it open?
- How many places³?
- Who provides the service⁴?
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? (YES / NO / UNKNOWN)

The following information on signposting must be provided:

- Is there a regular off-site⁵ service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? ('YF' / 'YL' / 'N' / 'U')

Where:

- 'YF' equals Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport from their site to the school
- 'YL' equals Yes, we keep a list of other local providers that will provide transport to the school to help parents
- 'N' equals No
- 'U' equals Not known

| Definitions and notes | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Before school childcare service | By this, we mean a guaranteed, regular service provided on days when the school is open. This will provide a safe and secure place where working parents can leave their children before the school opens formally. The setting will take the responsibility of taking the children to their classes when the school opens. This may take the form of a breakfast club and it may include structured activities of free play. |
| 2 | Exceptions | You should still enter 'YES', even if the service does not operate on days when the school was unexpectedly closed such as snow days or due to strike action. |
| 3 | Places | The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (childcare capacity). |
| 4 | Who provides the service | One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school – service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose) ['SCH' code] • school in partnership with another organisation – this could be another school, a private company or voluntary organisations ['SIP' code] • organisation rents or leases space in the school – the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered ['OTH' code] |
| 5 | Off-site service | This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders). Signposting (or promoting) the service can be one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport from their site to the school ['YF' code] • school keeps a list of other local providers that will provide transport to our school to help parents ['YL' code] • school has no arrangements for off-site provision ['N' code] • school does not know of any off-site provision arrangements ['U' code] |

4.7.2.2 After school childcare service [<TypeOfChildcare> equals 'A']

Is there a regular after school childcare service¹ on the school site? (YES / NO)

Where YES²:

- What time does it close?
- How many places³?
- Who provides the service⁴?
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? (YES / NO / UNKNOWN)

The following information on signposting must be provided:

- Is there a regular off-site⁵ service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? ('YF' / 'YL' / 'N' / 'U')

Where:

- 'YF' equals Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site
- 'YL' equals Yes, we keep a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents
- 'N' equals No
- 'U' equals Not known

| Definitions and notes | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 | After school childcare service | <p>By this, we mean a guaranteed, regular service provided on days when the school is open. This will provide a safe and secure place where children spend time after the school day has finished. The setting will take the responsibility of collecting the children from their classes and looking after them until working parents can collect them.</p> <p>It may include structured activities, free play, food, homework support or a mixture of all of these. It could also be integrated with other after school specific activities offered by the school.</p> |
| 2 | Exceptions | You should still enter 'YES', even if the service does not operate on days when the school was unexpectedly closed such as snow days or due to strike action. |

| Definitions and notes | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 3 | Places | The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (childcare capacity) |
| 4 | Who provides the service | One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school – service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose) ['SCH' code] • school in partnership with another organisation – this could be another school, a private company or voluntary organisations ['SIP' code] • organisation rents or leases space in the school – the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered ['OTH' code] |
| 5 | Off-site service | This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders). Signposting (or promoting) the service can be one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site ['YF' code] • school keeps a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents ['YL' code] • school has not arrangement for off-site provision ['N' code] • school does not know of any off-site provision arrangements ['U' code] |

4.7.2.3 Holiday childcare service [<TypeOfChildcare> equals 'H']

Is there a holiday childcare service or scheme¹ offered on the school site? (YES / NO)

Where YES:

- What time does it open?
- What time does it close?
- For how many weeks is the service open²?
- How many places³?
- Who provides the service?
- Is it open to children from other schools? (YES / NO / UNKNOWN)

The following information on signposting must be provided:

- Is there an off-site⁴ service or scheme that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? ('YF' / 'YL' / 'N' / 'U')

Where:

- 'YF' equals Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils
- 'YL' equals Yes, we keep a list of other local
- 'N' equals No
- 'U' equals Not known

| Definitions and notes | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Holiday childcare service or scheme | <p>By this, we mean a service that will usually open Mon-Fri during school holiday periods. It may not cover all holiday periods but should provide a useful service to working parents.</p> <p>We are not including activities that are only available for morning or afternoon sessions, such as a football class or a language school. Although the service may be integrated with such offers.</p> <p>If the offer only applies during the summer break, we are aware that this may change, so please answer for your current arrangements of plans.</p> |
| 2 | Opening weeks for the service | <p>Schools have to be open for 38 weeks. Please enter the number of weeks the holiday childcare operates for (if there is more than one such scheme at your school, please enter the total number of weeks covered).</p> <p>We have only asked for the number of weeks as schools can have different term patterns. If the service operates for 6 weeks of the summer holiday, but not at Christmas and Easter – you should enter 6. If it covers all holiday periods, with the exception of Christmas week, you should enter 13.</p> |
| 3 | Places | <p>The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (this is: childcare capacity). This includes any under 5s during the holiday period.</p> |

| Definitions and notes | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| 4 | Off-site service | <p>This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders). Signposting (or promoting) the service can be one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils ['YF' code] • school keeps a list of other local ['YL' code] • school has not arrangement for off-site provision ['N' code] • school does not know of any off-site provision arrangements ['U' code] |

4.7.2.4 Childcare for children aged between 0-4 years [<TypeOfChildcare> equals 'U']

Please note: this element is for 'nursery' (or pre-school) children. Children who are in the 'Reception Class' are not included here – they are included in one of the categories above.

Does the school have an on-site offer of regular childcare¹ for children aged under 5 (between 0 and 4) for more than 9 hours/day (YES / NO)

Where YES:

- What time does it open?
- What time does it close?
- For how many weeks is it open²?
- How many places³?
- Who provides the service⁴?

The following information on signposting must be provided:

- Is there an off-site service or scheme that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? ('YF' / 'YL' / 'N' / 'U')

Where:

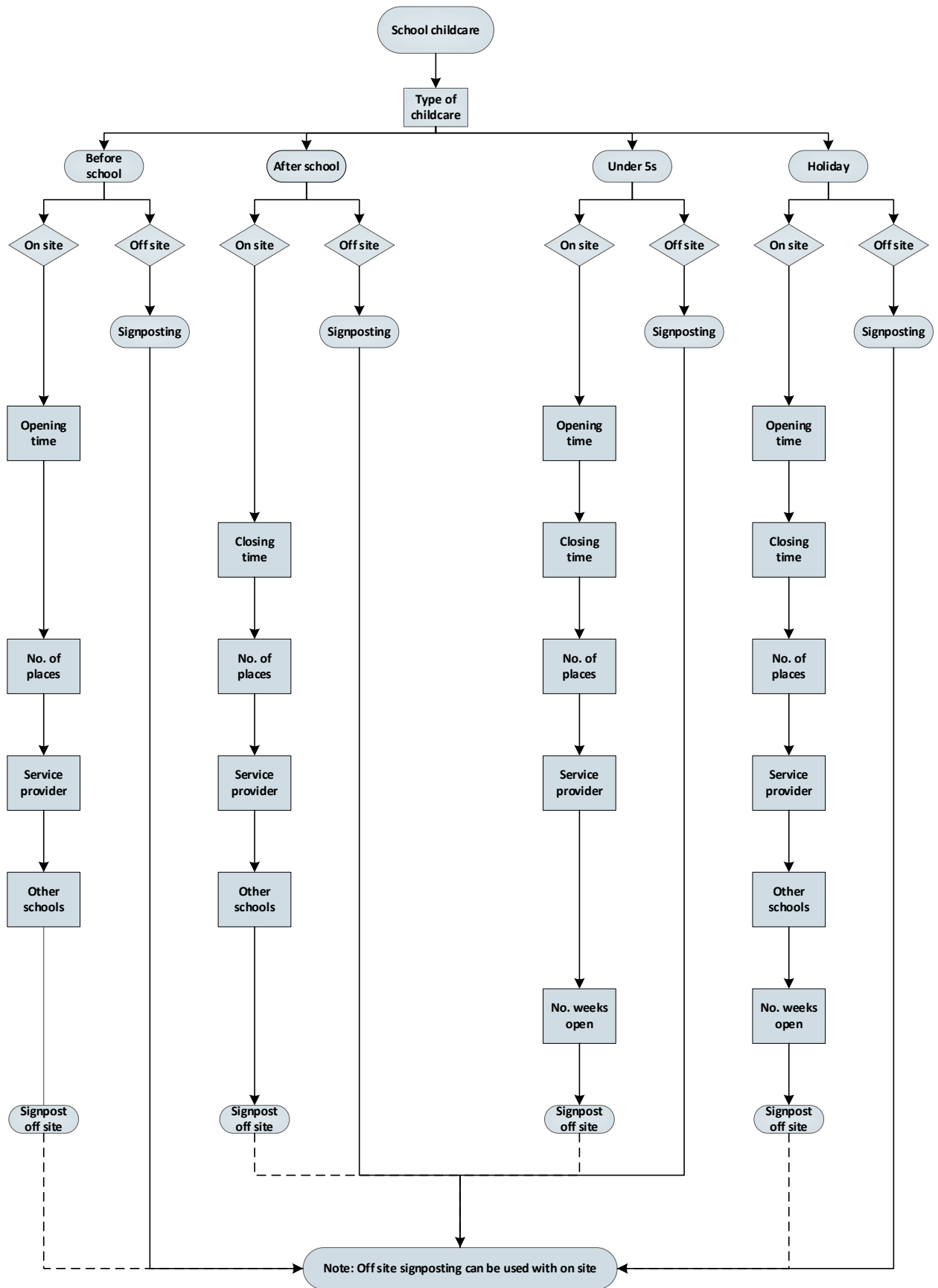
- 'YF' equals Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils
- 'YL' equals Yes, we keep a list of other local
- 'N' equals No

- 'U' equals Not known

| Definitions and notes | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Childcare for children aged under 5 | By this, we mean a service that parents can use for at least 9 hours a day if they choose to. Please do not include provision that is only available during school hours or where children can only attend for a morning or afternoon session. |
| 2 | Opening weeks for the service | Please enter the number of weeks for which the service operates choosing between 1-38. Under 5 provision in holiday time is recorded under holiday childcare service. |
| 3 | Places | The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (childcare capacity) |
| 4 | Who provides the service | One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school – service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose) ['SCH' code] • school in partnership with another organisation – this could be another school, a private company or voluntary organisations ['SIP' code] • organisation rents or leases space in the school – the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered ['OTH' code] |

The answer to these queries will allow the department to understand the nature and provision of childcare and its availability across the school landscape.

A flow diagram of the above scenarios is provided for clarity.



5. Pupil level

5.1 Survey reference dates [ALL schools]

The survey reference dates (in the format yyyy-mm-dd) are:

- 2018-10-04 (Autumn census)
- 2019-01-17 (Spring census)
- 2019-05-16 (Summer census)

These dates are generated by your management information system (MIS) with a facility to edit the date where there are unusual circumstances (as described in [paragraph 2.2](#) above).

5.2 Pupil identifiers module [ALL schools]

Data items within this module are maintained on an event driven basis. This module is collected in each of the termly census collections and is for all pupils on roll on census day. All the data items are required for any additional pupils who are no longer on roll but for whom the exclusions modules are collected.

5.2.1 Unique pupil number (UPN) [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The unique pupil number (UPN) is generated by your management information system (MIS) or transferred to you from another school in a common transfer file (CTF) and you are not expected to calculate it manually. The UPN must be 13 characters in the format Annnnnnnnnnn with AnnnnnnnnnnA used when allocating a temporary UPN; where 'A' is a character and 'n' is numeric. UPNs are generally produced automatically using routines programmed into the MIS software when a pupil first enters the maintained schools' sector in England or Wales. Temporary UPNs may only be issued as an interim measure until the permanent UPN is obtained. For further information see [UPN policy and practice guidance](#).

5.2.2 Unique learner number [Not for: Nursery schools, primary, middle-deemed primary] [used for funding]

A unique learner number (ULN) is mandatory for all pupils on roll aged 14 and over **on census day** and for pupils no longer on roll who were aged 14 as at their leaving date.

ULNs are assigned to students aged 14 or over in publicly funded education and training. They are allocated and managed by the learning records service ([LRS](#)) and remain with the individual for their lifetime. To acquire and verify ULNs, and make

minor updates to student data, schools should send partial CTFs from their management information systems to LRS via the department's secure data transfer system, [School to School \(S2S\)](#). A partial CTF will be returned to the school via 'S2S' with the requested ULNs. Software suppliers are encouraged to develop their MIS to have an interface direct to the LRS system via its web services application-programming interface (API). Schools should check with their software supplier whether this service is available for their system. Further information can be found on the [LRS](#) website. Further information about CTFs is published on the department's [website](#).

5.2.3 Pupil's former UPN [ALL schools]

Where a pupil is adopted, a new UPN is issued with no link or reference made to their former UPN. The previous UPN for an adopted pupil is not returned in this field.

Where a (non-adopted) pupil has held another UPN whilst at your school (such as, where a temporary UPN was allocated when the pupil was first admitted to the school, but subsequently replaced by the permanent one being retrieved from a previous school), the other, temporary UPN given is returned.

5.2.4 Pupil surname [ALL schools]

The pupil's full legal surname, as the school believes it to be (schools are not expected to have verified this from a birth certificate or other legal document).

5.2.5 Pupil forename [ALL schools]

In full - do not use a shortened or familiar version.

5.2.6 Pupil middle names [ALL schools]

In full - do not use a shortened or familiar version. Where a pupil has no middle name, this field is left blank.

5.2.7 Pupil preferred surname [ALL schools]

The surname most commonly used within the school in full - do not use a shortened or familiar version.

5.2.8 Pupil former surname [ALL schools]

Completed where a former surname is already known to the school - otherwise this field remains blank. There is no requirement to establish the existence of former surnames of which the school is not already aware. Where the pupil has more than one former surname the most recently used is recorded.

5.2.9 Pupil gender [ALL schools]

The gender of the pupil in the format of 'M' (Male) or 'F' (Female).

In exceptional circumstances, a school may be unsure as to which gender should be recorded for a particular pupil. Where this occurs, gender is recorded according to the wishes of the pupil and / or parent.

5.2.10 Pupil date of birth [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The date of birth of the pupil in YYYY-MM-DD format.

5.3 Pupil characteristics module [ALL schools]

All data items in this module are maintained on an event driven basis or collected / updated via the school's normal data checking procedures. Please see [section 1.2.2](#) for further information on schools responsibilities under the General Data Protection Regulation (particularly the guidance concerning the use of privacy notices to make individuals aware about how their personal data will be used) and [section 1.2.3](#) for guidance on the collection of pupil characteristics from parents / guardians or pupils.

5.3.1 Part-time indicator and funded free entitlement / extended free entitlement hours

A pupil is considered to be full-time where they are in education for 10 sessions per week. A session is either a morning or an afternoon and there can be no more than 2 sessions per day. There is no link between funded / extended hours and sessions.

A pupil is considered to be part-time where they are in education for less than 10 sessions per week. Therefore, a pupil who attends for 9 (or fewer) sessions is part-time. Again, there is no link between funded free entitlement / extended free entitlement hours and sessions.

With respect to the 30 hours of childcare (funded hours plus extended hours), it should be noted that a lunch break can be considered to be educational and therefore can be included. As such, a child may attend, say, a 2 and a half hour morning and afternoon session, with an hour for lunch, the following would apply: $2.5 \times 5 = 12.5$ in the morning, $2.5 \times 5 = 12.5$ in the afternoon plus 5 hours for lunch = 30 hours. The child is full-time, based on the number of sessions (10) having attended morning and afternoon session each day for 5 days. Again, there is no link between hours and sessions.

5.3.2 Ethnicity [ALL schools]

Ethnicity is collected for all pupils and records the ethnicity **as stated** by the parent / guardian or pupil. See paragraph [1.2.3](#) above for further guidance on collecting data from a parent / guardian or pupil.

Ethnicity is a personal awareness of a common cultural identity and relates to how a person feels and not how others perceive them. It is a subjective decision as to which category a person places himself or herself in and does not infer any other characteristics such as religion or country of origin.

The school **must not** ascribe any ethnicity to the pupil. This information **must** come from the parent / guardian or pupil. Where the ethnicity has not yet been collected this is recorded as 'NOBT' (information not yet obtained). Where a parent / guardian or pupil declines to provide ethnicity data, code 'REFU' (refused) is recorded and returned.

The ethnicity codeset reflects categories used in the 2001 national population census, with additional categories for Travellers of Irish heritage, Sri Lankan other and pupils of Gypsy / Roma heritage.

5.3.3 Language code [ALL schools] [used for funding]

Language is collected for all pupils and records the language as stated by the parent / guardian or child. See paragraph [1.2.3](#) above for further guidance on collecting data from a parent / guardian or pupil.

Where a pupil's first language is other than English,³ schools may record specific languages from the extended language codeset in [section 8](#) or continue to use codes from the short codeset used in [CBDS](#).

The school must not ascribe a specific language to the pupil. The codes ENB (Not known but believed to be English) and OTB (Not known but believed to be other than English) are only appropriate to use where **all** of the following conditions apply:

- pupil's first language is not known with absolute certainty
- parents have not responded to enquiries
- school is able to judge with a high degree of confidence whether the pupil's language is English or not

Where the parent / guardian or pupil have declined to provide a first language, code 'REF' (refused) must be used.

5.3.4 Free school meal eligibility [ALL schools] [used for funding]

5.3.4.1 Universal credit

To minimise the impact of the rollout of universal credit and the introduction of a net-earned income threshold to determine eligibility for free school meals, transitional arrangements have been put in place to ensure that no pupil loses a meal as a result of these changes.

5.3.4.1.1 Transitional arrangements

Transitional protections should be awarded as follows:

- any claimant who is in receipt of free school meals on 31 March 2018 should continue to receive free school meals until the end of the universal credit roll out period, and then until their phase of education ends. This covers until at least Summer 2023, and applies even if their circumstances change and they would no longer meet the eligibility criteria.
- any claimant who gains eligibility for free school meals from 1 April 2018 will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the universal credit rollout period, and then until their phase of education ends. This covers until at least Summer 2023, and applies even if their circumstances change and they would no longer meet the eligibility criteria.

5.3.4.1.2 FSM end dates

³ Language other than English - where the pupil has been exposed to a language other than English during early development and continues to be exposed to this language in the home or community

Consequently, **it is not expected that FSM end dates will be entered by schools during the transitional period** – with the exceptions being:

- where a parent has been informed of the FSM protection and they have still indicated that they do not wish the child to be recorded as FSM eligible and receive a free school meal. This should not be confused with a parent's request to end a free school meal claim with a change in their circumstances which are now protected
- where a pupil transfers from another UK country – their non-English FSM must have an FSM end date
- claimants who qualify through support under the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999 or the guarantee element of the Pension Credit, their benefit(s) **will not** be replaced by universal credit and therefore the pupil's FSM entitlement **will not** be protected. They will only be entitled to a free school meal as long as they retain the benefit. In such cases where the parent has notified the school that these benefits have ended an FSM end date should be recorded.

5.3.4.2 Data collected

Periods of free school meal ('FSM') eligibility since the previous census for those pupils on roll on census day; including any periods of 'FSM' eligibility prior to pupils joining the current school; are returned in each termly census.

Pupils may only be recorded as 'FSM' eligible where they meet the 'FSM' eligibility criteria (in respect to family income) and make a claim (see section [5.3.4.3](#) for details of when a pupil should be classed as 'FSM' eligible). **Pupils who are only in receipt of a free school lunch due to the universal infant free school meal entitlement are not recorded as FSM eligible and not eligible to receive pupil premium.**

The following three data items will be used to collect this information:

- 'FSM' eligibility start date
- 'FSM' eligibility end date – where applicable see section [5.3.4.1.2](#)
- Country of UK (this will be system generated and will not require any data entry by schools)

These data items are collected for pupils within the scope of the collections on roll on census day and with any periods of 'FSM' eligibility that were live at any point since the previous census, those with:

- an 'FSM' eligibility start date on or before the current census day

- an 'FSM' eligibility end date is not expected. If an end date is entered due to one of the above exceptions it must be between the first day after the previous census and on or before the current census day

For each termly census, the relevant periods for which we are collecting eligibility are as follows:

- **2018 autumn school census:** any period that started on, or before, the 2018-10-04 where the 'FSM' end date is either not present or between 2018-05-18 and 2018-10-04 (inclusive)
- **2019 spring school census:** any period that started on, or before, the 2019-01-17 where the 'FSM' end date is either not present or between 2018-10-05 and 2019-01-17 (inclusive)
- **2019 summer school census:** any period that started on, or before, the 2019-05-16 where the 'FSM' end date is either not present or between 2019-01-18 and 2019-05-16 (inclusive)

Where schools have 'FSM' eligibility flagged for a pupil in their systems they must ensure their systems are updated to include an 'FSM' start date ready for collection in the 2018 to 2019 school census and, where appropriate, transfer in common transfer files (CTF).

Multiple 'FSM' eligibility start and end dates falling within the periods above are returned where applicable.

For example: if a pupil had been eligible for FSM from 1 September until 31 October in a school in Wales and moved to a school in England and claimed eligibility from the 1 November then the following will be returned in 2019 spring school census:

- for the first period of eligibility:
 - 'FSM' eligibility start date of 2018-09-01 and 'FSM' eligibility end date of 2018-10-31 UK country code must be recorded as 'WLS' and
- for the second period of eligibility:
 - 'FSM' eligibility start date of 2018-11-01 and no 'FSM' eligibility end date, UK country code must be blank or recorded as 'ENG'

5.3.4.3 Eligibility for free school meals

Periods of 'FSM' eligibility for pupils are recorded where a claim for free school meals has been made by them or on their behalf and either:

- the relevant local authority / school has confirmed that they are entitled to free school meals; or

- the relevant local authority / school has seen the necessary documentation (for example, a TC602 tax credit award notice or confirmation of universal credit) that confirms entitlement to free school meals

[The Education \(School Lunches\) \(Prescribed Requirements\) \(England\) Order 2003](#)

describes an additional requirement for children who have not attained compulsory school age but receive education in a maintained setting. Such children must be registered pupils and be 'receiving education both before and after the lunch period' before being eligible for free school meals.

Children whose parents are in receipt of one of the following are entitled to receive free school meals:

- income support (IS)
- income based job seekers allowance (IBJSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- child tax credit (provided they are not entitled to working tax credit) as approved by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs*
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- universal credit - if claimant's apply on or after 1 April 2018 their household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits they get)

*A parent is entitled to the working tax credit run-on payment for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for working tax credit. Their children are entitled to free school meals for the period that they are in receipt of this payment.

Children who receive qualifying benefits in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

In addition, as stated above, any claimant who is in receipt of free school meals on or after 31 March 2018 should continue to receive free school meals until the end of the universal credit roll out period, and then until their phase of education ends. This covers until at least Summer 2023, and applies even if their circumstances change and they would no longer meet the eligibility criteria.

It is not necessary for individual schools / local authorities to calculate a family's annual taxable income. HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) perform this income calculation and this figure is used to determine free school meal entitlement. Each time a tax credit award is calculated, HMRC issue a tax credit award notice (TC602) to the applicant.

The award notice details annual income and key family details. This notice includes all information required to assess a child's free school meal eligibility (under the 'tax credit category') and it is strongly recommended that this document be used to make that assessment. Similarly, it is strongly recommended that the pension credit award notice (issued by the pension service to all those in receipt of pension credits) be used to assess a child's free school meal eligibility under the 'guarantee state pension credit' category.

5.3.4.4 'FSM' eligibility checking service

The 'FSM' eligibility checking service (ECS) streamlines the 'FSM' eligibility checking process for both local authorities and parents. The ECS - only available to local authorities - enables a single application review of all the relevant data held by three government departments (DWP, Home Office and HMRC) in order to confirm pupils' 'FSM' eligibility. Rather than providing paper evidence (for example TC602) of being in receipt of the relevant benefit, parents simply need to provide their national insurance number, date of birth and surname. Local authorities are able to undertake an eligibility check in real time via their on-line link to the system.

Academies are not able to access the ECS directly and may not have easy access via the local authority within which they reside. Some academies have made arrangements with a local authority (often for a fee) for them to check eligibility via the ECS on their behalf. The service available, and its cost, varies between local authorities.

Some local authorities provide a web-based service that enables parents to check their own eligibility via the ECS. Parents of pupils attending academies can use websites such as [myfreeschoolmeals](https://www.myfreeschoolmeals.com) to check if their children are eligible for free school meals.

5.3.5 Pupil premium funding

The provision of additional funding to schools via the deprivation pupil premium is directed to those pupils from deprived backgrounds and is based on their eligibility for free school meals ('FSM').

Pupils aged four and above in 'Reception' to 'Year 11' (or aged 4 to 15 where national curriculum year groups do not apply) are eligible for pupil premium funding. Pupils attending nursery schools are **not** eligible for the pupil premium. Pupils attending non-maintained special schools receive pupil premium via the local authority and are recorded within the alternative provision census

Pupil premium payment terms are described in the pupil premium conditions of grant, which are available on the department's [website](#).

The additional funding via pupil premium applies to 'FSM' eligibility in England. Periods of 'FSM' eligibility in other countries do not apply when determining a pupil's eligibility for the pupil premium.

Each period of 'FSM' eligibility has a system generated 'Country of UK' code attached to enable the department to ensure that those pupils who have only experienced periods of 'FSM' eligibility outside England do not attract the pupil premium.

For periods of eligibility when a pupil was on roll at a school in England the Country of UK code will be 'ENG'. Pupils with FSM eligibility from periods of attendance at schools in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland; with have their FSM eligibility assigned with a code of: 'WLS', 'SCT' or 'NIR' respectively.

5.3.6 School lunches taken [ALL schools - with appropriate age range] [used for funding]

This data item records whether an infant pupil has **taken** a school lunch on census day, where 'school lunch' is defined as: 'food made available by the school for consumption by the pupil as his / her midday meal on a school day'. This may include packed lunches provided **by the school** to children on school trips.

This data item is collected each term from all schools with an appropriate age range and for the following pupils regardless of whether they are 'FSM' eligible or not:

- all pupils on roll on census day in reception (NCYearActual equals 'R')
- all pupils on roll on census day in year 1 (NCYearActual equals '1')
- all pupils on roll on census day in year 2 (NCYearActual equals '2')
- all pupils on roll on census day aged 4 to 6 not following the national curriculum (NCYearActual equals 'X' AND pupil born between 2011-09-01 and 2014-08-31 inclusive)

This data is used to inform the allocation of universal infant free school meal funding based on an average of figures from previous census returns. It is recognised that schools will experience some fluctuations in pupil take-up due to pupil migration, absence or other characteristic, but it is expected that a pattern of meal take-up will be established fairly quickly. Schools are expected to monitor any changing take-up and manage this appropriately within their existing budget.

This field may be defaulted to 'true' within school systems, to minimise the burden of data entry by schools.

Additional information on universal infant free school meals is available on the department's [website](#).

5.3.7 Youth support services agreement [Not for: Nursery schools or primary]

Funding streams that, previously, had gone to "Connexions" and youth services were brought together and focused on targeted support for young people (Aged 13 to 19) through the early intervention grant ('EiG'). The term 'youth support services' is generally used to reflect the combined service but local authorities are free to brand the service as they wish.

This data item should be returned for all pupils who are aged 12 and above (as at 2018-08-31). If it is not completed the system will default to 'unsought'. The census mechanism is used to transfer this data item from schools to their local authorities who pass on the data to the youth support service. The codeset is located in [section 8](#). The department uses data collected by local authorities for destination measures and therefore it is important for schools to inform the local authority if a student drops out of the sixth form.

There is a legal requirement under the [Education and Skills Act 2008](#) for schools to pass information on request to the youth support service for pupils in or approaching the age of 13. The information which schools are required to provide consists of:

- a) the names and addresses of pupils and their parents - which must be provided to the youth support service in any event
- b) the date of birth of the pupil
- c) other information relevant to the provision of youth support services. Parents - or pupils themselves if aged 16 or over - have the right to instruct the school not to provide information (over and above name, address and date of birth) to the youth support service

The provision under (c) is for an opt-in. Until and unless the parent or pupil gives an instruction, the school remains under a statutory duty to provide only the data at a) and b) above.

Privacy notices must be issued by schools / local authorities (to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation) to parents advising them of their (or their child's) right to instruct the school, by opting in, to provide information beyond name, address

and date of birth. If the values of 'No', 'SNR' (sought, no reply) or 'UNS' (Unsought) are recorded then information beyond name, address and date of birth cannot be shared with the youth support service. Suggested wording for privacy notices for use by local authorities and schools is available on the department's [website](#).

5.3.8 Service children in education indicator [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The service child in education indicator is collected for all pupils on roll on census day. It must record the information as stated by the parent / guardian and / or child.

The school must not ascribe the service child indicator to the pupil. This information **must** come from the parent / guardian or pupil. Valid codes are:

- 'Y' (yes)
- 'N'(no)
- 'R' (refused)
- 'U' (unknown) to indicate no response given or other reason for no information

This field defaults to 'N' to reduce the burden on schools and schools will only change entries for children from service families.

It is essential that this data item be correctly recorded on the school census as the department uses this to determine the pupil premium allocations for schools. It assists with identifying both the impact that being a service child has on the education of a pupil and the impact that catering for large numbers of service children has on individual schools.

A 'service child' has parent(s) - or person(s) with parental responsibility - who is / are service personnel serving:

- in regular HM Forces military units
- full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service
- in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England
- exercising parental care and responsibility

Please note that reserve units are not classed as the regular armed forces and such pupils are not recorded as service children on the school census. However, where a reserve soldier is acting in a full-time capacity, this is classified as regular service.

The service children indicator is only relevant to children whose parents are designated as personal category 1 or 2 which are shown on the [GOV.UK website](#). However, all parents will be aware of their personal category. From the above link, you will see the following definitions:

Personal status category 1 (PStat Cat 1)

Those in PStat Cat 1 will meet one of the following qualifying criteria:

- a legally married member of the armed forces, who lives with their spouse, or who would do so but for the exigencies of the armed forces
- a member of the armed forces, who is registered in a civil partnership in accordance with the Civil Partnership Act 2004; or is in a civil partnership under an overseas scheme recognised under that Act; and who lives with their registered civil partner; or who would do so but for the exigencies of the armed forces

Personal status category 2 (PStat Cat 2)

Those in PStat Cat 2 will be a member of the armed forces who has parental responsibility within the terms of the Children Act 1989 for a child(ren) and who satisfies all of the following conditions:

- can properly be regarded as the centre and prime mover in the life of the child(ren)
- provides a home where they normally live with the child(ren) except where unable to do so for reasons attributable to their service in the armed forces
- provides, where the child(ren) is unable to care for itself, a child carer who can look after the child(ren) during their absences attributable to their service in the armed forces. The child carer must not be the other natural parent of the child(ren). The other natural parent should normally only have staying access to the child(ren) for an aggregate of 56 days in any 12-month period. Staying access greater than this may render the service person ineligible for PStat Cat2 (these restrictions on access do not apply while on recognised unaccompanied duty)
- accepts financial responsibility for the child(ren)

5.3.9 Funded free entitlement hours [Not for: City technology colleges and non-maintained special schools] [used for funding]

Funded free entitlement hours record, for eligible pupils aged two, three and four years, the total number of [free entitlement to early education](#) funded hours in education provision (following the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage) at the school. This information is provided by all schools with

relevant age children: with the exception of city technology colleges and non-maintained special schools.

All children become eligible for free early education from the term following a child's third birthday irrespective of background or family circumstances (the universal free entitlement). A specified subset of disadvantaged two year olds also become eligible from the term following a child's second birthday. Eligible two-year-olds are those who meet the criteria shown on the department's [website](#). Local authorities will confirm which children meet the eligibility criteria should schools not know. Some three and four-year-olds are also eligible for up to an additional 15 hours per week – the extended free entitlement (see [5.3.12](#) below).

The table below shows the dates of birth and year groups of children for whom funded free entitlement hours are required. Where a child falls into the cohorts listed below but is not in receipt of any funding via the free entitlements, a value of zero is recorded for funded free entitlement hours.

Data collected via the spring census is used by the department to determine the early years block of the dedicated schools grant allocation that the department provides to local authorities to fund their early years providers. Although not used centrally by the department for funding allocations, funded free entitlement hours from the autumn and summer census may be used locally by local authorities for funding early education.

Funded free entitlement hours contain only the hours the pupil is in education provision and following the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. Such education will follow the department's statutory guidance for local authorities on [early education and childcare](#) and excludes any hours where the pupils are not receiving education or any additional hours that are funded by other means (such as the parent).

| Census | Date of birth ranges and school type / pupil national curriculum year group | Maximum entitlement to funded hours |
|---------------|---|--|
| Autumn | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2016-08-31 (inclusive) - all relevant schools and year groups | 15 hours |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) for pupils in national curriculum year groups 'E1', 'E2', 'N1' and 'N2' only | 15 hours for pupils where 30-hour code is present 25 hours for pupils where 30-hour code is NOT present |
| Spring | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2016-12-31 (inclusive) - all relevant schools and year groups | 15 hours |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) for pupils in national curriculum year groups 'E1', 'E2', 'N1' and 'N2' only | 15 hours for pupils where 30-hour code is present 25 hours for pupils where 30-hour code is NOT present |
| Summer | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2017-03-31 (inclusive) - all relevant schools and year groups | 15 hours |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) for pupils in national curriculum year groups 'E1', 'E2', 'N1' and 'N2' only | 15 hours for pupils where 30-hour code is present 25 hours for pupils where 30-hour code is NOT present |

Please note: Pupils aged four at the start of the academic year in 'Reception' and above are funded as full-time equivalent pupils via the schools block of the dedicated

schools grant and therefore funded free entitlement hours are not relevant or required for those pupils, as they are not funded via the free entitlement.

For dually registered pupils, record the funded free entitlement hours spent in education at each school. The main registration records funded hours in education at the main registration, with the subsidiary recording funded hours in education at the subsidiary registration.

It is important that the funded free entitlement hours recorded on the census accurately reflect the hours at the setting to two decimal places. It should be noted that this is a decimal of hours and therefore does not record hours and minutes. For example, where a pupil has:

- 10 and a half hours, this is recorded as 10.50
- 10 hours and 20 minutes, this is recorded as 10.33

and so on. Please see conversion table in section [8](#) for further details.

Please see paragraph [5.3.1](#) for information regarding the part-time indicator and how it relates to funded free entitlement hours.

5.3.10 Extended entitlement hours [Not for: CTC and NMSS] [used for funding]

Extended entitlement hours are collected for three and four-year-old children, with working parents, who are in education provision (that is, following the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage) at the school.

As with the universal funded free entitlement hours, extended entitlement hours become available – where the parent has a valid 30-hour code - from the term following a child's third birthday until they reach compulsory school age. Extended entitlement hours are available for pupils aged three and those pupils aged four who are in year groups 'E1', 'E2', 'N1' or 'N2' only.

Pupils who are in 'Reception' (or above) are not eligible for extended entitlement hours, as they are in full-time education.

Please see the table below for date of birth ranges. As with universal funded free entitlement hours, extended entitlement hours are recorded to two decimal places and it should be noted that this is a decimal of hours and therefore does not record hours and minutes.

For example, where a pupil has:

- 10 and a half hours, this is recorded as 10.50
- 10 hours and 40 minutes, this is recorded as 10.67

of extended entitlement hours per week (up to a maximum of 15 hours). A conversion table is provided in section [8](#).

Where a child is in receipt of extended entitlement hours, the maximum funded free entitlement hours allowable is 15 hours. The extended entitlement hours field must NOT include any universal funded free entitlement hours.

Where there is no valid 30-hour code, extended entitlement hours are not available and the maximum hours available are shown at [5.3.11](#) above.

| Census | Date of birth ranges and school type / pupil national curriculum year group | Maximum entitlement to funded and extended hours |
|---------------|--|---|
| Autumn | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2015-08-31 (inclusive) - with a valid 30-hour code - all relevant schools and year groups | 15 funded free entitlement hours plus 15 extended entitlement hours equals 30 hours |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) - with a valid 30-hour code - for pupils in national curriculum year groups E1, E2, N1 and N2 only | 15 funded free entitlement hours plus 15 extended entitlement hours equals 30 hours |
| Spring | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2015-12-31 (inclusive) – with a valid 30-hour code - all relevant schools and year groups | 15 funded free entitlement hours plus 15 extended entitlement hours equals 30 hours |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) - with a valid 30-hour code - for pupils in national curriculum year groups E1, E2, N1 and N2 only | 15 funded free entitlement hours plus 15 extended entitlement hours equals 30 hours |

| Census | Date of birth ranges and school type / pupil national curriculum year group | Maximum entitlement to funded and extended hours |
|--------|--|---|
| Summer | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2016-03-31 (inclusive) - with a valid 30-hour code - all relevant schools and year groups | 15 funded free entitlement hours plus 15 extended entitlement hours equals 30 hours |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) - with a valid 30-hour code - for pupils in national curriculum year groups E1, E2, N1 and N2 only | 15 funded free entitlement hours plus 15 extended entitlement hours equals 30 hours |

Please see paragraph [5.3.1](#) for information regarding the part-time indicator and how it relates to extended entitlement hours.

5.3.11 30-hour code indicator [Not for: CTC and NMSS] [used for funding]

The 30-hour code indicator is an 11-digit integer that is required for pupils who claim extended entitlement hours. As with the extended entitlement hours field, this applies to all three-year-olds and those pupils aged four in year groups 'E1', 'E2', 'N1' and 'N2' only. The code confirms the eligibility of working parents to receive the 15 extended entitlement hours funding. This is particularly important as parents may split this entitlement between two providers.

The code, once issued, remains fixed and refers to a single parent / child combination - where a parent has two children, each child will have their own code. However, when the school is presented with the code by the parent, the school **must** confirm the code's validity with their local authority.

Where a child transfers school, the local authority **must** be informed of the transfer.

Subject to the will of parliament, from September 2018, foster children will be eligible for 30 hours free childcare in certain circumstances. Foster parents will not apply for the extended free entitlement through the Childcare Service due to the additional eligibility checking steps required. The 30-hour code indicator will be issued by the local authority to the foster parents. Providers will still check the code in the same way as for any other parent taking up 30 hours. It should be noted that although it will still be an 11-digit code, it will begin with a different number to HMRC issued codes. This

is to allow local management of the reconfirmation process. Further information about 30 hours free childcare is available in the Department’s statutory guidance for local authorities on early education and childcare and the Department’s early years entitlements operational guidance.

5.3.12 Disability access fund indicator [Not for: CTC and NMSS] [used for funding]

The disability access fund (DAF) indicator records, for eligible pupils aged three and four, the receipt of DAF funding. Three and four-year-olds will be eligible for the DAF if they meet the following criteria:

- the child is in receipt of child disability living allowance; AND
- the child receives free early education (via the universal entitlement or extended childcare hours)

Please note: Pupils aged four as at the 31 August in reception and above, who are funded via the schools block of the dedicated schools grant, are not eligible for DAF funding. Further information on the DAF is available in the [early years national funding formula \(EYNFF\) operational guidance](#).

The DAF indicator should only be returned for eligible children within the date of birth range, and year groups, outlined below.

| Census | Date of birth ranges and school type / pupil national curriculum year group |
|---------------|---|
| Autumn | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2015-08-31 (inclusive) all relevant schools and year groups |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) for pupils in national curriculum year groups E1, E2, N1 and N2 only |
| Spring | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2015-12-31 (inclusive) all relevant schools and year groups |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) for pupils in national curriculum year groups E1, E2, N1 and N2 only |
| Summer | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2016-03-31 (inclusive) all relevant schools and year groups |
| | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) for pupils in national curriculum year groups E1, E2, N1 and N2 only |

This indicator should default to '0' or 'false' to require a positive input from schools.

5.3.13 Hours at setting [Not for: City technology colleges and non-maintained special schools] [used for funding]

Hours at setting are collected for the same pupils and schools for whom funded free entitlement hours are collected – see [5.3.11](#) above. This data item records for pupils aged two, three and four-years-old, the total number of hours they spent in education provision (that is, following the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage) at the school irrespective of who funded the hours – it is the total of:

- any hours funded under the free early education entitlements
- plus any hours funded under extended entitlement (for working parents)
- plus any additional hours of education funded from other sources such as parents

This information will allow the department to monitor the hours attended at maintained settings on the same basis as private / voluntary / independent (PVI) provision.

For dually registered pupils, record the actual hours attending each school. The main registration records the hours in education at the main registration. The subsidiary registration records the hours in education at the subsidiary registration.

Hours at setting records the hours in education to two decimal places (that is, where a pupil has 10 and a-half-hours, for example, this is recorded as 10.50, with 10 and three-quarter hours being 10.75).

5.3.14 Unit contact time [For: PRU / AP only]

Unit contact time collects the number of contact hours the pupil spends with the PRU / AP in census week. This includes time at the PRU / AP and where pupils receive education through home visits (or in hospital) the time in contact with staff members of the PRU / AP.

Where the PRU / AP has arranged for the pupil to receive their education via another establishment (for example an FE college or work-placement) then the time under supervision of this establishment is counted as contact time. The PRU / AP remains responsible for recording attendance at the other establishment.

In some cases, pupils will remain in their registered school while being visited by PRU / AP staff (through an outreach programme). This is not included in the unit contact time.

5.3.15 Early years pupil premium [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The [early years pupil premium \(EYPP\)](#) is additional funding for early years settings to improve the education they provide for disadvantaged three and four-year-olds (all three and four year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours per week of government funded free entitlement early education for 38 weeks of the year).

Provided that they are taking the universal 15 hours free entitlement and meet the eligibility criteria, children become eligible to receive early years pupil premium from the term following a child's third birthday and retain this entitlement until they move into 'Reception', when they become eligible to receive the 'mainstream' pupil premium.

Only children **in receipt** of EYPP in census week should be recorded with early years pupil premium receipt equal to "true".

EYPP is paid by local authorities direct to settings. Its award is dependent on the application by parents of eligible children to their local authority, which will use the eligibility checking service (ECS – see section 5.3.8.3) to verify their application against benefits related data.

Children are eligible to receive EYPP if they receive the universal 15 hours entitlement and either:

- meet benefits related criteria equivalent to those for free school meals (please note: meals provided as part of the universal entitlement are **not** FSM; **receipt of FSM does not automatically qualify a child for EYPP**)⁴; or
- are in the care of the local authority (in England or Wales); or
- have left care (in England or Wales) through
 - adoption
 - special guardianship
 - a child arrangements order (formerly known as a residence order)

This data, collected via the spring census, will be used by the department to determine the early years pupil premium allocation that the department provides to local authorities to fund their early years providers.

⁴ Further guidance on EYPP eligibility is available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/682452/Early_years_entitlements-Operational_guide_2018_to_2019.pdf

The table below shows the cohorts of children for whom early years pupil premium data is required.

| Census | Age and school type / year group | Date of birth ranges |
|-------------|--|--|
| Spring only | ALL 3 year olds - irrespective of school type and year group | Born between 2014-09-01 and 2015-12-31 (inclusive) |
| | 4 year olds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For nursery schools (phase equals 'NS') – all year groups • For all schools other than nurseries (phase does not equal 'NS') – pupil national curriculum year groups 'E1', 'E2', 'N1' and 'N2' only | Born between 2013-09-01 and 2014-08-31 (inclusive) |

Please note: Pupils aged four at the start of the academic year in reception and above are eligible to receive the [school age pupil premium](#) and therefore are not eligible to receive early years pupil premium funding.

For those pupils in receipt of the early years pupil premium, the reason why they are receiving it is also required against the basis of receipt field. This should be recorded as follows:

| Code | Early years pupil premium basis for funding |
|------|---|
| RE | In receipt through eligibility for economic reasons: where they are in receipt via eligibility for the benefits related criteria for FSM |
| RO | In receipt through eligibility for other reasons: where they are in receipt due to eligibility for being in care or due to leaving care through adoption, a special guardianship order or a child arrangement order |
| RB | In receipt through eligibility for both reasons: where they are in receipt through eligibility for both economic and other reasons |
| RU | In receipt through eligibility for unknown basis: where the school knows the child is in receipt of EYPP (due to receiving funding from the local authority) but does not necessarily know the reason why |

5.3.16 Learner support code (bursary funding for 16-19 year olds) [Not for: Nursery schools, primary or middle-deemed primary] [used for funding]

The learner support code indicates the type of financial support awarded to pupils beyond compulsory school leaving age at any point in the academic year of the school census.

There are two types of 16-19 bursary fund support:

- a vulnerable bursary of up to £1,200 a year for young people in one of the defined vulnerable groups (Code '55')
- discretionary bursaries which institutions award to meet individual needs, for example, help with the cost of transport, meals, books and equipment (Code '56')

The learner support code is collected for all pupils who have been awarded bursary funding in the **current academic year**. This may include pupils who have left the school since the start of the academic year. For dual registered pupils, the school holding the main registration for the pupil is responsible for awarding the bursary fund and return the required data.

The 16-19 bursary fund is administered locally by providers and local authorities who receive their funding allocation directly from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Whilst schools may be able to record in their systems other types of financial support awarded to these pupils, the school census only collects codes 55 and 56.

During the academic year the circumstances of a student awarded the discretionary element may change and they could become part of a designated vulnerable group. In such circumstances the individual would also qualify for the award of the vulnerable payment (on a pro-rata basis for the academic year) For example, a student may be awarded the discretionary element in September 2018 and then the vulnerable group bursary in February 2019. In such a situation, code 56 would be returned in the spring school census and both code '56' and code '55' in the summer school census.

Information about whether a student is actually in receipt of funding is not required for the school census. The purpose of the collection is to establish how many students been awarded bursary funding in the academic year.

The ESFA guidance on the bursary can be found [here](#).

5.3.16.1 Funding Categories

Please note: each new academic year requires a new application for funding by students.

The 16-19 bursary fund is comprised of two elements:

- i) a vulnerable bursary of up to £1,200 a year for young people in one of the defined vulnerable groups; including:
 - young people in care
 - care leavers
 - those on income support
 - disabled young people in receipt of both employment support allowance and disability living allowance

The bursary is awarded typically for a course lasting 30 weeks or more.

Providers should consider making pro-rata awards for courses lasting less than 30 weeks the remainder of the fund is allocated by providers on a discretionary basis to those young people who face the most significant financial barriers to continuing in education and training post-16.

- ii) discretionary bursaries that institutions award to meet individual needs, for example, help with the cost of transport, meals, books and equipment.

In very exceptional circumstances, a student in receipt of a vulnerable group bursary may also qualify for the discretionary element and this is subject to a decision by the school or local authority.

5.3.16.2 Eligibility

To be eligible to receive bursary funding in the 2018-19 academic year, the student must be aged 16 or over and under 19 years at the start of the academic year in which they start their programme of study. Where a young person turns 19 during their programme of study, they can continue to be supported to the end of the academic year in which they turn 19, or to the end of the programme of study, whichever is the sooner.

A questions and answers document about the bursary-funding scheme for schools is available on the department's [website](#).

5.3.17 Top-up funding indicator [ALL schools] [used for funding]

Please note: The department is using the top-up funding indicator in the new high needs national funding formula that has been introduced to calculate high needs

funding allocation from 2018-19. In addition, we use this indicator for research purposes and to provide benchmarking information to local areas. As such, it is very important that all schools complete this correctly and follow the guidance provided.

This is a true / false flag to indicate those pupils on roll for whom the school receives, on census day, top-up funding - either from a local authority or, in the case of a PRU / AP, a local authority or another school.

Top-up funding is paid outside a maintained school's budget share or academy's general annual grant and relates to a pupil or student identified as requiring additional support, which costs more than a specified threshold. In many cases, the period for which top-up funding is paid may not be defined but the top-up funding will - as with the SEN provision to which it relates - be subject to periodic review. Usually, but not always, the pupils for whom a primary or secondary mainstream school receives top-up funding are those with an education, health and care (EHC) plan. Sometimes local authorities may also provide support for pupils with code 'K' - SEN support. Locally this top-up funding may be called by a different name: in cases of doubt, schools should check with their local authority to make sure that this is recorded correctly for each individual pupil.

The specified cost threshold for additional SEN support varies according to the type of provision. For primary and secondary mainstream schools and academies, the threshold is £6,000 per pupil per annum in all cases. Top-up funding is paid in respect of individual pupils whose additional support costs more than this, and is for the excess costs over the threshold. However, in the case of all special schools, special academies, special free schools, PRU / AP, the funding they receive is £10,000 per place, and the top-up funding will be for the costs incurred by the school in providing additional support in excess of this funding. Because the full cost of places in special schools, special academies and special free schools, PRU / AP usually exceeds £10,000, these types of schools will normally receive top-up funding for most, if not all, of the pupils in the school.

5.3.18 Post looked after arrangements [ALL schools] [used for funding]

Post looked after arrangements collects information regarding children, who – on census day – have left local authority care in England and Wales through adoption, a special guardianship order, a residence order or a child arrangements order. Children who have left care under one of the measures listed above will be eligible for the post looked after element of the pupil premium.

It is for those with parental responsibility (adoptive parents, special guardians and carers of former looked after children on residence / child arrangements orders) to decide if they wish to self-declare their children’s status to schools. Schools should ensure parents and carers are aware of this and that this information is collected to help ensure that the designated teacher for previously looked after children can support those children and the school can attract pupil premium funding to support this cohort. Parents are to provide supporting evidence, for example, a photocopy of the adoption order, and confirm that their child was previously in care in England or Wales. Parents may conceal sensitive information (for example the name of the birth parents) should they wish.

Schools are reminded that this is particularly sensitive data and of the ongoing need for confidentiality. Schools should ensure that, as for other pupil level data items, they comply with their responsibilities with respect to GDPR when processing this data.

Schools record the information using the following codeset. Only one of the values will apply to each pupil and a school’s MIS should provide a default value of N – not declared.

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| ‘N’ | Not declared |
| ‘A’ | Ceased to be looked after through adoption |
| ‘G’ | Ceased to be looked after through a special guardianship order (SGO) |
| ‘R’ | Ceased to be looked after through a residence order (RO) |
| ‘C’ | Ceased to be looked after through a child arrangements order (CAO) |

As part of the Government’s adoption reform programme the department is considering a range of information that will help to inform thinking in relation to post-adoption support. Very little is known about the attainment of children adopted from care because they automatically get a new UPN and the department wants to have better information, collected via this data item on a voluntary basis, to feed into that process.

5.3.19 2-year-old basis for funding [Not for: City technology colleges and non-maintained special schools]

The basis for funding data item, records the basis under which a 2-year-old has been funded whilst taking up a place in the school. This data item is not required for 3 and 4-year-olds.

2-year-old children may meet more than one criterion in the codeset shown below and each relevant criterion is returned in the census.

| Code | Description |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 'ECO' | Economic criteria |
| 'HSD' | High-level SEN or disability |
| 'LAA' | Looked after or adopted from care |

5.4 Pupil status module [ALL schools]

All data items in this module are maintained on an event driven basis. This module is collected for all pupils on roll on census day.

Pupil date of entry, date of leaving and part-time indicator are collected for any pupils who are no longer on roll, but for whom the attendance and exclusions modules are required.

5.4.1 Pupil enrolment status [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The pupil enrolment status - recorded within the schools management information system (MIS) using one of the registration codes supplied in the codeset (see [section 8](#)) - ensures funding is accurately targeted. It is important that each pupil recorded within the school census be assigned a correct enrolment status. This ensures the pupil is correctly registered at a school in line with the pupil registration regulations. Pupils recorded as 'guest' should **NOT** be included in the census return.

The MIS will automatically default the value of this field to 'C' - current (single registration at this school).

Schools will be aware of the advice on school [attendance](#). Sample scenarios of pupil enrolment status are provided below to assist, but please note that many of these scenarios will **not** apply to PRU / AP.

Schools should be mindful of the advice on school attendance with respect to dual registrations. **[For: PRU / AP only]**

5.4.1.1 Managed / negotiated transfers

A pupil may transfer to another school on a trial basis. In such cases, the original school maintains the pupil's registration. Where the receiving school decides to accept the pupil on a permanent basis, the registration transfers at that time. During the trial period, there is no method of recording this situation in the receiving school. As data collected during the census is used for future funding purposes, the inability to credit the receiving school is perceived as a disincentive to accept the pupil, often to the

pupil's detriment. The financial arrangements between the schools are a matter for their mutual agreement, but it is important to be able to identify pupils in this situation.

It is recommended that for the duration of any trial period:

- the original school maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'M' (current main - dual registration)
- the receiving school maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'S' (current subsidiary - dual registration)

5.4.1.2 Consortia schools

Schools often provide courses of study in collaboration with other schools (or other educational establishments) and these may be formal or informal arrangements. A pupil registered in one school may have part of their academic tuition in the premises of another school. In such circumstances, it is important that the pupil be correctly assigned to the school that holds the pupil's registration. The financial arrangements between the schools are a matter for their mutual agreement but it is important to be able to identify pupils in this situation.

It is recommended that for a pupil who is receiving tuition at a school other than the registration school:

- the registration school maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'C' (current - single registration at this school)
- the providing school maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions)

The guidance above is a recommendation. However, where the relevant schools agree that this is not appropriate for their local circumstances, then dual registration can be used.

5.4.1.3 Post 16 and diploma pupils

The guidance provided above for consortia schools will be the same for post-16 pupils and pupils who are attending tuition in the premises of another school as part of diploma arrangements.

5.4.1.4 Traveller pupils

A traveller pupil may attend another school during periods when his / her parent(s) is / are travelling in the course of trade or business. To help ensure continuity of education for traveller children, it is expected that the child should attend school elsewhere when

their family is travelling and be dual registered at that school and the school which the pupil would normally attend when not travelling. It is recommended that for the duration of this period:

- the ordinary school of attendance maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'M' (current main - dual registration)
- the receiving school maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'S' (current subsidiary - dual registration)

However, as outlined in the [pupil registration regulations](#), if the child does not return to the ordinary school of attendance within 18 months, after checking with the children missing education officer, the pupil should be removed from the school roll.

5.4.1.5 Family units

In many areas, early education is being provided in establishments that also provide wider childcare and / or family support services. Often, the establishment wishes to maintain a single management information system for all the children it serves and, equally often, it is the school management information system that is used for this purpose. When submitting information for census purposes, it is important to distinguish between those children who are receiving early education and those who are receiving other services. It is recommended that:

- for children receiving early education, the school / establishment maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'C' (current - single registration at this school)
- for children receiving childcare provision but not early education the school / establishment, if it wishes to do so, maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions)
- for children receiving both early education and childcare provision, the school / establishment records the pupil as part-time and maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'C' (current - single registration at this school)

5.4.1.6 Specialised units

In some local authority areas, units have been established to deliver specialised education services for pupils from schools in an extended area, not just the school in which the unit is located. These units often provide support for pupils with special educational needs requirements, commonly with those children who have visual or hearing impairments or have speech and language difficulties. It is recommended that, for a pupil who is receiving tuition in a specialised unit at a school other than the registration school:

- the registration school maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'C' (current - single registration at this school)
- the providing school, if it wishes to do so, maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions)

The guidance above is a recommendation. However, if the relevant schools agree that this is not appropriate for their local circumstances, then dual registration can be used.

5.4.1.7 Inclusion classes

To foster the inclusion agenda for pupils with special educational needs, "inclusion classes" have been established whereby pupils who are registered at a special school are taught in classes located in a mainstream school's premises. Tuition is provided, either wholly or partly, by teachers from the special school. These classes are, effectively, satellite classes of the special school and should not be treated as classes of the mainstream school. It is recommended that for a pupil who is attending an inclusion class:

- the special school maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'C' (current - single registration at this school)
- the mainstream school, if it wishes to do so, maintains the pupil's record with an enrolment status of 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions)

5.4.1.8 External candidates

Occasionally, adults are registered at a school in order for them to enter an examination and, perhaps, receive some level of tuition towards this aim. In such cases it is recommended that the providing school, if it wishes to do so, maintains the adult's record with an enrolment status of 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions).

5.4.1.9 Purchased tuition

In some schools externally provided tuition may be purchased at another establishment for a registered pupil. Where the provider establishment is a maintained school then the situation should be treated as for consortia schools above. Where the provider is a commercial organisation - or an organisation outside the maintained school sector - then the pupil should be recorded with an enrolment status of 'C' (current - single registration at this school).

5.4.1.10 School-supervised off-site education

Some schools have registered pupils who receive all or part of their education off-site, under the supervision of the school. Such pupils can only be recorded as receiving off-site educational activity if the activity meets the requirements set out in the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#). The activity must be of an educational nature approved by the school and supervised by someone authorised by the school. The activity must take place during the session for which code 'B' (attending off-site educational activity) is recorded in the attendance register. In such cases, the pupil should be recorded with an enrolment status of 'C' (current - single registration at this school).

5.4.1.11 Dually registered pupils - hospital special schools

Pupils attending a hospital special school are recorded on the register where they are in education. They are **NOT** recorded where they attend the establishment for:

- hospital check ups
- day surgery
- any other form of medical appointment
- an operation

Where a pupil receives education from the hospital special school and also attends a mainstream school, the pupil is recorded as dually registered. The school of 'ordinary attendance' is recorded as the 'main' registration. In the majority of cases, this will be the mainstream school, and the hospital special school records the pupil with a subsidiary registration. Where a pupil receives education from the hospital special school during their stay in hospital, they are recorded as a 'guest' registration.

Where a pupil is originally solely registered at the hospital special school and also attends a mainstream school as part of a reintegration programme, the pupil is dually registered with the hospital special school holding the 'main registration'.

Following consultation with the:

- school
- medical advisors
- parents
- local authority

and agreement that the pupil attend the hospital special school full-time to meet the pupil's special educational needs, where the decision is permanent, the pupil is removed from the mainstream school and solely registered at the hospital special

school. Where this is a temporary arrangement, the pupil is dually registered, with the mainstream school holding the main registration, and the hospital special school recording the subsidiary registration.

5.4.1.12 Overseas / exchange pupils

Pre-16 overseas or exchange pupils on the school register on census day recorded with an enrolment status of 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions) are not included on the school census returns.

For post-16 overseas or exchange pupils, some students, who are not citizens of the UK or citizens of a European Economic Area (EEA) country, may be eligible to receive public funding. The funding [regulations](#) provide full rules that determine which overseas students can be funded.

For post-16 students, there is a distinction between “overseas” and “home” students:

- overseas students are not eligible to receive public funding and may be charged fees
- home students are eligible to receive public funding and therefore cannot be charged fees

Overseas students are those students who have Tier 4 (student) visas, where receipt of public funds would constitute a breach of the terms of their immigration permission.

With respect to exchange students: the school must be able to evidence that a pupil who would otherwise have attended the school has “moved in exchange” to balance the non-British student attending the school on exchange. If there is a genuine exchange in place, the school can receive funding for the exchange student – with the exception of students with Tier 4 visas, as mentioned above.

As with pre-16 pupils, post-16 overseas or exchange pupils on the school register on census day are recorded with an enrolment status of 'G' (guest - pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions) and not included on the school census returns.

5.4.2 Class type [For: Primary and all-through only]

Denotes a class as a designated nursery class. A nursery class is one designated by the local authority - any class not designated by the local authority is counted as an “other” (code 'O') class even if it contains nursery-age pupils.

5.4.3 Pupil date of entry [ALL schools] [used for funding]

This is the latest date of entry to the current school.

Pupils who transfer from nursery to reception in the same school are not given new entry dates.

Pupils entering year 12 and above from the same school are **NOT** removed from the admissions register and are **NOT** given a new entry date.

Where a new school replaces an existing school and retains the existing establishment number of the predecessor school, information is returned as if they were a continuing school (they return historic data for the preceding term(s) before conversion). Where this occurs, the date of arrival in school (the entry date) for pupils remain the date at which the pupil joined the original establishment.

Where a new school has been formed as a result of a merger - and the establishment number from one of the predecessor schools has been retained - then historic attendance and exclusion data is only returned for those pupils who attended the predecessor school for which the establishment number has been retained. For example, if the merger was a junior and an infant school and the newly merged school retains the establishment number of the junior school then only those pupils who previously attended the junior school are required to return the attendance and exclusion data from the previous term(s). All the pupils from the predecessor infant school must be provided with a new entry date.

Where a new school opens with a new establishment number all pupils are given a new entry date (the day that they start at the new school) and consequently any historical exclusions and attendance data from predecessor school is **not** returned for the new establishment.

5.4.4 Pupil date of leaving [Not for: Nursery schools]

The date the pupil left the current school. This identifies pupils who are no longer on the school's roll.

5.4.5 Pupil part-time indicator [ALL schools] [used for funding]

This indicates whether a pupil is part-time in education (attends fewer than 10 sessions per week). It does not indicate that a pupil is part-time at one or more establishments. A pupil attending three full days in one school and two full days in another school is not

classified by either school as part-time. The MIS will automatically default the value of this field to 'false' (not part-time) as the majority of pupils will not be part-time.

For children in receipt of funded early education (that is, following the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage), a child should only be recorded as full-time where they attend education for 10 sessions per week **irrespective of the number of funded and / or extended childcare hours.**

In certain circumstances some pupils of compulsory school-age will be placed on a part-time timetable in order to meet their individual needs, for example when a medical condition prevents them from attending full-time, as part of a re-integration package. The part-time timetable should not be treated as a long-term solution. Any pastoral support programme or other agreement must have a time limit by which point the pupil is expected to attend full-time and be agreed with the pupil's parents / carers.

Compulsory school-age pupils on a part-time timetable are not present at school for part of the week or day. They do not attend approved educational activity and are absent from school. In agreeing to the part-time timetable, the school has agreed to the absence and to record it as an authorised absence. This ensures the school has a record of the amount of education a pupil has missed and helps it to identify pupils that may need additional support. Schools cannot record the pupil as "not required to attend" or that the school was closed to the pupil in question, as this would contravene the regulations.

Therefore, compulsory school-age pupils on a part-time timetable are recorded as full-time with the appropriate absence code used for the sessions they do not attend.

5.4.6 Pupil boarder indicator [ALL schools] [used for funding]

Indicates whether a pupil is a boarder. The MIS automatically defaults the value of this field to 'N' - not a boarder (See pupil boarder codeset in [section 8](#)).

5.4.7 Pupil's actual national curriculum year group [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The year group in which the pupil is taught for the majority of their time, irrespective of their chronological age (see pupil NC year group codeset in [section 8](#)).

For information: Children turning 2 years old fall into the 'E2' year group and, where recorded on the school's admission register **and** in receipt of education, are included within your census return. Any younger children falling into the 'E1' year group are not

expected to be in receipt of education and hence should not be on the school's admissions register. As such, where there is a need to record children in 'E1' within your MIS, these should be recorded with an enrolment status of 'Guest' and not brought through into the census.

5.4.8 Pupil's actual national curriculum year on leaving [For: secondary, all-through schools and PRU / AP with sixth forms only]

The year group in which the pupil was taught for the majority of their time, irrespective of their chronological age, at the date they left the school. This data item is only required from secondary schools with sixth forms for pupils for whom post-16 learning aims information is being submitted and who left the school prior to the autumn census day. Pupil's actual national curriculum year group is not provided for these off roll pupils with this data item identifying such pupils.

5.5 Special educational needs (SEN) module [ALL schools]

All data items in this module are maintained on an event driven basis. SEN provision is collected for all pupils on roll on the relevant census day. All other data items are only available on schools' MIS for those pupils with pupil SEN provision equal to:

- 'E' (education, health and care plan) or
- 'K' (SEN support)

Please note: The use of the 'statement of special educational needs' (code 'S') was discontinued from 1 April 2018. As such, code 'S' has been removed from SEN provision **except** where it applies to historical exclusions from the 2018 spring and summer terms - which are reported in the 2018 autumn school census and the 2019 spring school census respectively.

5.5.1 Pupil SEN provision [ALL schools]

[The Children and Families Act 2014](#) replaced Statements of Educational Need (SEN statements) with 'Education, Health and Care plans' (EHC plans). Please note: all local authorities were under a statutory duty to complete transfer reviews of SEN statements by 2018-03-31. Therefore, other than as outlined at [5.5](#) above, SEN statements are not included within this census collection⁵.

⁵ any statement of SEN for which a transfer review has not been completed by 31 March 2018 will continue to remain in force from 1 April 2018, until a transfer review has been completed and a decision is made about future provision. These remaining statements should be recorded as EHC plans for the purpose of this data collection

This data item will be collected in the census collections for all pupils on roll on census day. SEN provision at the time of any exclusion will also be collected in all school census collections (see codeset in [section 8](#)).

5.5.2 Pupil SEN type ranking [ALL schools] [Pupils with SEN provision of ‘E’ and ‘K’ only]

This indicates the ranking of a pupil’s special educational need, as recorded in pupil SEN type. The most significant, or primary need, is ranked as ‘1’ with any secondary need ranked ‘2’. Only two rankings are collected in the school census, with no two needs given the same ranking, that is, if there is more than one SEN type reported they cannot both have a ranking of ‘1’.

5.5.3 Pupil SEN type [ALL schools] [Pupils with SEN provision of ‘E’ and ‘K’ only]

This field records the nature (type) of a pupil’s special educational need. The primary need and, where appropriate, any secondary need is recorded.

As at 5.5.2 (above) this item is collected in the spring census and is for all pupils on roll on census day.

Please note: Schools are expected to identify a type of need for all children at SEN Support - there is no requirement for a pupil to have a specialist assessment to be recorded in the main SEN types. The No Specialist Assessment code (‘NSA’) should only be used in those very rare instances where a pupil is placed on SEN support (Code ‘K’), but the school is still assessing what the primary need is. This might occur, for example, where a child on SEN support has transferred into the school shortly before school census day. Where code ‘NSA’ is to be used, the pupil MUST have SEN Provision of code ‘K’. Code ‘NSA’ must not be used without the pupil having an appropriate SEN provision in place.

Please see [section 8](#) for further details.

5.5.4 Member of SEN unit [Not for: Special or PRU / AP] [Pupils with SEN provision of ‘E’ and ‘K’ only] [used for funding]

This indicator identifies pupils with SEN who are members of an SEN unit. SEN units are special provisions within a mainstream school where the children with SEN are taught mainly within separate classes.

Units:

- are designated by the local authority specifically for making SEN provision, and sometimes accommodate pupils registered at other schools on a part-time basis
- receive funding of £6,000 or £10,000 per place, and usually top-up funding for the excess costs of additional support required by individual pupils (see [5.3.19](#))
- cater for a specific type or types of SEN (for example autistic spectrum disorders)
- are usually for pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan (but may also provide support for pupils with code 'K' - SEN support)

Schools and academies should only use this indicator where the SEN unit has been formally recognised as such by the local authority where the school is located: in cases of doubt, the school should check with the local authority. Most pupils placed in units will be on an Education, Health and Care plan. It is unlikely that a child would be placed in a unit and also receive support from resourced provision, but a school could have resourced provision for one type of need and a unit for another.

5.5.5 Member of resourced provision indicator [Not for: Special or PRU / AP] [Pupils with SEN provision of 'E' and 'K' only] [used for funding]

This indicator identifies pupils who receive support for their type of SEN from a specialist-resourced provision. Resourced provisions are places that are reserved at a mainstream school for pupils with a specific type of SEN, taught mainly within mainstream classes, but requiring a base and some specialist facilities around the school.

Resourced provisions:

- are designated by the local authority specifically for making this kind of SEN provision
- receive funding of £6,000 or £10,000 per place, and usually top-up funding for the excess costs of additional support required by individual pupils (see [5.3.19](#))
- cater for a specific area or areas of SEN (for example specific learning difficulties)
- are usually for pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan - but could include pupils with code 'K' (SEN support)

Schools and academies should only use this indicator where the resourced provision has been formally recognised as such by the local authority where the school is located: in cases of doubt, the school should check with the local authority. Most local authorities include details of what will be provided through a resourced provision in a pupil's Education, Health and Care plan. It is extremely unlikely that a child would be

placed in a unit and also receive support from a resourced provision, but a school could have resourced provision for one type of need and a unit for another.

5.6 Exclusions module [Not for: Nursery schools]

The module is collected in the census for all types of exclusions that occurred two terms previous to that in which the census falls:

- data relating to the autumn term will be collected in the following summer census
- data relating to the spring term will be collected in the following autumn census
- data relating to the summer term will be collected in the following spring census

Full information on exclusions can be found on the department's [website](#).

Exclusions that have been overturned are not counted in national statistics. To avoid such cases being counted in the school's data, where known, the following codes should be used:

- In cases where a pupil has been reinstated by the school code 'R' should be used. This could be when:
 - the governing body overturned a fixed period or a permanent exclusion, before or after an independent review panel
 - when the first-tier tribunal or a court overturned a fixed period or permanent exclusion
- In cases where reinstatement has been offered but the offer has not been taken up should be used

Although information about reinstated exclusions is not collected in the school census, schools may wish to record the number of sessions for which the child was excluded before being reinstated. In these circumstances the actual, not the planned number of sessions, should be recorded.

All items in the pupil identifiers module (except preferred surname) are collected for those pupils no longer on roll but for whom the exclusions module is collected.

Schools must therefore ensure that the exclusion appeal result is maintained on an event driven basis so that these exclusions overturned following reconsideration by the governing body can automatically be filtered out when data is extracted for the census.

| Census | Exclusions |
|--------|---|
| Autumn | All exclusions with start dates between 2018-01-01 and 2018-04-01 (Easter Sunday) |
| Spring | All exclusions with start dates between 2018-04-02 (Easter Monday) and 2018-08-31 |
| Summer | All exclusions with start dates between 2018-09-01 and 2018-12-31 |

Whilst these dates do not represent real term dates, they will ensure that the vast majority of exclusions for the autumn (terms 1 and 2 for schools with 6 terms) and spring (terms 3 and 4 for schools with 6 terms) terms are picked up for the majority of schools.

Where schools do not use a module in their MIS that records exclusions data items are to be manually calculated for each pupil and manually added to the census return.

5.6.1 Exclusion category [Not for: Nursery schools]

For each exclusion, this indicates the type of exclusion:

- fixed period
- lunchtime
- permanent

(see [section 8](#) for further details).

5.6.2 Exclusion reason [Not for: Nursery schools]

This gives the reason for each exclusion. Some MIS allow schools to enter more than one reason for any exclusion and so they can record a main as well as a secondary reason(s) for any exclusion. For the census, only the main reason is collected.

The following table provides descriptions of reasons for exclusions. The “other” category includes incidents that are not covered by the categories below but this category should be used sparingly. These descriptions are used as a guide and are not intended to act as a tick list for exclusion.

| Exclusion Reason | Description |
|---|---|
| Bullying | Verbal Physical Homophobic bullying Cyber bullying |
| Damage includes damage to school or personal property belonging to any | Arson Graffiti |

| Exclusion Reason | Description |
|---|---|
| member of the school community | Vandalism |
| Drug and alcohol related | Alcohol abuse Drug dealing Inappropriate use of prescribed drugs Possession of illegal drugs Smoking Substance abuse |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour | Challenging behaviour Disobedience Persistent violation of school rules |
| Physical assault against adult | Obstruction and jostling Violent behaviour Wounding |
| Physical assault against pupil | Fighting Obstruction and jostling Violent behaviour Wounding |
| Racist abuse | Derogatory racist statements Racist bullying Racist graffiti Racist taunting and harassment Swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics |
| Sexual misconduct | Lewd behaviour Sexual abuse Sexual assault Sexual bullying Sexual graffiti Sexual harassment |
| Theft | Selling and dealing in stolen property Stealing from local shops on a school outing Stealing personal property (adult or pupil) Stealing school property |
| Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against adult | Aggressive behaviour Carrying an offensive weapon Homophobic abuse and harassment Swearing Threatened violence Verbal intimidation |
| Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against pupil | Aggressive behaviour Carrying an offensive weapon Homophobic abuse and harassment Swearing Threatened violence Verbal intimidation |

5.6.3 Exclusion start date [Not for: Nursery schools]

The exclusion start date reflects the date the exclusion starts (the date that the pupil was asked to leave the school by the head teacher). By not collecting the data until two terms after that in which the exclusion started, it is anticipated that all appeals procedures have been completed by the time the data is collected and so only exclusions that have been upheld will be included in a return. Where this is not the case, please contact the department.

5.6.4 Actual number of sessions excluded from [Not for: Nursery schools]

For each fixed period and lunchtime exclusion, the actual number of sessions for which the exclusion is in effect is recorded. For fixed period exclusions, each full school day counts as two sessions - a half school day counts as one session. Where a fixed period exclusion is for a lunchtime, each lunchtime for which the exclusion applies counts as one session.

For data collection purposes, exclusions that span two census collection periods will be counted as one exclusion in the first collection period.

Exclusion sessions only cover the number of sessions the pupil is expected to be at the school. A fixed period exclusion can be discontinuous which means that there can be days between the start and finish dates of the exclusion that are not included as part of the exclusion.

Where a pupil is dually registered, exclusion sessions are not recorded for the day(s) they are in attendance at the other establishment. For example, a pupil is excluded for six sessions starting on a Monday. However, the pupil is registered with another provider on the Wednesday – where no exclusion is in place. Therefore, the pupil is, excluded from the school for sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The other provider would record the pupil's attendance on the Wednesday separately.

There are no regulations that govern part-time timetables as all school age children are entitled to a full-time education. We are aware however, that in exceptional circumstances school-age pupils are placed on a part-time timetable in order to meet their individual needs, for example, as part of a reintegration package following illness. For the sessions where the school have agreed that the pupil is not attending, they will be recorded as 'authorised absence' and the pupil cannot be recorded as being excluded for these sessions. For example, a pupil has been excluded for eight sessions starting on a Tuesday. However, the pupil already has authorised absence for

Friday and Monday afternoons. Therefore, the pupil is excluded for all sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as well as the morning sessions on Friday and Monday.

Exclusions sessions are not recorded for the day(s) when the pupil is attending an approved educational activity. For example, a year 10 pupil has been excluded for six sessions starting on a Wednesday. However, the pupil attends work experience on a Thursday from which they are not excluded. The pupil in this situation would be excluded from the school for sessions on Wednesday, Friday and Monday.

Days on which there is a planned school closure do not count towards an exclusion. For example, a pupil has been excluded from a school for four sessions starting on a Friday, but the school plans to be closed on the Monday for an INSET day. Therefore, the pupil's exclusion will include the two sessions on the following Tuesday, rather than the Monday.

All items in the pupil identifiers module (except preferred surname) are collected for those pupils no longer on roll but for whom the exclusions module is collected.

5.6.5 SEN provision at the time of the exclusion [Not for: Nursery schools]

For each exclusion record returned, the SEN provision at the time of the exclusion must be included:

- 'S' (statement of SEN) – this code is valid for exclusions purposes only. It will only be valid for exclusions which occurred in 2018 spring and summer terms. The code will not be valid from the 2019 summer school census onwards.
- 'E' (education, health and care plan) or
- 'K' (SEN support)

5.6.6 Permanent exclusions and school leaving date [Not for: Nursery schools]

Where a pupil is permanently excluded, the school leaving date cannot be the same as the date of the permanent exclusion – unless the parent confirms that no appeal is to be made. This is because time must be allowed for the appeals process to be followed and completed. Only once the appeals process has concluded may a school leaving date be entered.

5.7 Home information module [ALL schools]

This module is maintained on an event driven basis and collected in each census, recording the pupil's current address for those whose 'pupil address type' is 'C' (current).

Schools can provide the department with their addresses in whichever format their data is held within their MIS – either; BS7666 address format, (SAON, PAON, post town or other address item) or; address line 1 to 5. Postcode is mandatory for either format. The unique property reference number, introduced on a voluntary basis, may also be provided with either format.

Schools should not worry if these field names do not mean anything to them - no change is needed to the way in which address information is currently held within their MIS to complete the census returns.

Where the BS7666 format is used, SAON and street must be provided and at least one of town, locality, administrative area or post town.

Schools are expected to provide a valid home address for most of their pupils (including boarding pupils). Boarding pupils from abroad are recorded with their "home" address as their residence during term time, which may be the school's address. (Where a second address is an overseas address, validation errors on the postcode can be ignored). Where a child has multiple addresses (where the child lives with both parents at different stages of the week) both addresses are supplied.

Whilst every effort must be made to obtain these pupil details, the department understands that in extreme circumstances this is not always possible. In such extreme cases, these fields may be left blank or a partial address can be supplied and the validation errors ignored.

5.7.1 Postcode [ALL schools] [used for funding]

The postcode, mandatory for both BS7666 and address line format, is allocated by the post office to identify a group of postal delivery points.

5.7.2 Unique property reference number [ALL Schools] [voluntary collection]

A unique property reference number (UPRN) is a unique integer identifier for every address in Great Britain and can be found in the ordnance survey (OS) AddressBase

products. It provides a comprehensive, complete, consistent identifier throughout a property's life cycle – from planning permission through to demolition.

The UPRN is a voluntary data item to be returned alongside the full address (in either BS7666 or address line structure). The collection of UPRN should be relatively 'invisible' to data providers with the burden managed by the way addresses are processed within school systems. Schools are not expected to collect, or look up, the UPRN and instead this would be automatically populated within your school system when entering addresses if the OS AddressBase database is used as a reference. For schools and / or systems, not using AddressBase there will be no change and they will continue to use either BS7666 or Address Line formats for submitting addresses.

And

5.7.3 BS7666 format: SAON [ALL schools]

The secondary addressable object name (SAON), refers to the flat, apartment name, number, or other sub-division of a dwelling.

5.7.4 BS7666 format: PAON [ALL schools]

The primary addressable object name (PAON), refers to the dwelling name and / or number.

5.7.5 BS7666 format: Street [ALL schools]

The street name / description. Validation will result in a query where there is a dwelling name / number but no street. If the address legitimately has no street, the query is ignored.

5.7.6 BS7666 format: Locality [ALL schools]

The locality name refers to a neighbourhood, suburb, district, village, estate, settlement, or parish that may form part of a town, or stands in its own right within the context of an administrative area. Where an industrial estate contains streets, it is defined as a locality in its own right.

5.7.7 BS7666 format: Town [ALL schools]

The town name refers to:

- a city or town that is not an administrative area

- a suburb of an administrative area that does not form part of another town
- a London district

5.7.8 BS7666 format: Administrative area [ALL schools]

A geographic area that may be the highest-level local administrative area for example:

- county
- unitary authority

5.7.9 BS7666 format: Post town [ALL schools]

Assigned by the post office, based on the area sorting office.

Or

5.7.10 Address line format: line 1 [ALL schools]

First line of the address.

5.7.11 Address line format: line 2 [ALL schools]

Second line of the address.

5.7.12 Address line format: line 3 [ALL schools]

Third line of the address.

5.7.13 Address line format: line 4 [ALL schools]

Fourth line of address.

5.7.14 Address line format: line 5 [ALL schools]

Fifth line of the address.

5.8 Termly attendance module [Not for: Nursery schools]

The termly report by all schools – excluding nursery schools – on attendance.

5.8.1 Scope [Not for: Nursery schools]

Information for a pupil's attendance during the term preceding the census is collected termly. This may include information for pupils who left the school prior to census day.

Information for each census should be included for pupils who were:

- for the autumn census, aged between 4 and 15 as at 2017-08-31
 - where date of birth falls between 2001-09-01 and 2012-08-31
- for the spring and summer censuses, aged 4 to 15 as at 2018-08-31
 - where date of birth falls between 2002-09-01 and 2014-08-31
- on the school roll for at least one session during the specified term

Attendance data is only required for non-boarder pupils (where pupil boarder indicator is equal to 'N').

5.8.2 Coverage [Not for: Nursery schools]

All schools (except nurseries) submit termly attendance data. Nursery schools are **NOT** required to submit any attendance data via the school census even where they have pupils aged 4 or 5 years.

5.8.3 Collection periods [Not for: Nursery schools]

The period covered by the termly attendance module is from the start of the autumn term (from 1 August) up to, and including, the Sunday before the late spring bank holiday.

| The attendance collection periods for each census are shown in the table below. | Dates |
|---|--|
| Autumn census | Summer term 2017-18 absence data is collected from Easter Monday 2018-04-02 to the Sunday 2018-05-27 before the late spring bank holiday |
| Autumn census | Summer second half-term attendance is collected from the late spring bank holiday Monday 2018-05-28 to 2018-07-31 |
| Spring census | Autumn term 2018-19 absence data is collected from 2018-08-01 to 2018-12-31 |
| Summer census | Spring term 2018-19 absence data is collected from 2019-01-01 to Easter Sunday 2019-04-21 |

5.8.4 Data required [Not for: Nursery schools]

The data required for each pupil will be the aggregate number of possible attendance sessions and the actual number of absences (by reason) for each attendance period.

For schools that use the electronic registration module on their MIS, the census extracts the relevant data for each pupil for each attendance period (term or half term). Schools that use an electronic registration system that is not integrated with their main MIS (or record attendances in paper registers) extract the relevant data for each pupil included in the census, according to the dates for the appropriate attendance period and manually add this data to the census return. In this case, absence reporting by reason is not required and schools report on the number of authorised and unauthorised absences for each pupil. Schools should seek advice from the supplier of their main MIS on how to add data manually for the census return.

Further details of the individual data items required are given below in sections [5.8.10](#) to [5.8.14](#).

5.8.5 Dual registered pupils [Not for: Nursery schools]

Validation is in place to avoid the double counting of attendance and absence for pupils who are registered at more than one school (referred to as 'dual registered').

Each school will:

- record the attendance and absence for the sessions the pupil is required to attend at their school
- use code 'D' (dual registered at another educational establishment) to record all of the sessions that the pupil is due to attend at the other school

Attendance code 'D' is **not** collected in the school census, as it is not counted as a possible session.

The number of 'sessions possible' for a dual registered pupil against the main school should **exclude** those when the pupil is due to attend the subsidiary school and vice versa.

5.8.6 Pupils unable to attend school due to exceptional circumstances – code 'Y' [Not for: Nursery schools]

Attendance code 'Y' (unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances - not counted in possible attendances) is collected in the school census but is not counted as part of

possible sessions. Schools will use code 'Y' to record the sessions where a pupil is unable to attend because:

- the school site, or part of it, is closed due to an unavoidable cause
- the transport provided by the school or a local authority is not available and their home is not within walking distance
- a local or national emergency has resulted in widespread disruption to travel which has prevented the pupil from attending school

5.8.7 Publication of school absence data [Not for: Nursery schools]

It is essential that schools ensure that absence data is returned correctly in the school census as the department publishes this data.

Absence data are collected termly at pupil level through the school census and published at national and local authority level through the [school absence](#) national statistics releases. The underlying absence data, at a school level, is published alongside the absence national statistics.

The department publishes the attendance data collected in respect of 4 year olds. However, these data do not feature as part of the standard measures of attendance.

The department does **NOT** publish the absence data collected for the sixth half term (second half of the summer term) in respect of 15 year olds (Year 11 pupils). This data does not feature as part of the standard measures of attendance statistics.

5.8.8 Persistent absence methodology [Not for: Nursery schools]

Schools are judged against a persistent absence rate of 10 per cent and pupils are identified as persistently absent based upon their individual absence level.

Further information on persistent absence methodology is available in the '[Guide to Absence statistics](#)'.

Formally, if a pupil's individual overall absence rate is greater than or equal to 10.0 per cent they will be classified as a persistent absentee:

[A pupil's individual overall absence divided by a pupil's individual possible sessions] multiplied by 100 must be greater than or equal to 10.0 percent.

5.8.9 Sessions possible [Not for: Nursery schools]

This records the number of sessions possible for the attendance period (term or half term). There are two sessions for each school day (morning and afternoon).

Every pupil aged 4 to 15 (excluding boarders) as at the previous 31 August who was on the school roll for at least one session during the specified attendance period (term or half term) should have an entry for the number of possible sessions.

Schools that use electronic registration that is not integrated with their main MIS, or record attendances in paper registers, manually calculate and add to their census return.

5.8.9.1 Dually registered pupils

The sessions possible for a dual registered pupil submitted by the main school **do not** include those sessions where the pupil attends the subsidiary school. Similarly, the sessions possible for a dual registered pupil submitted by the subsidiary school **do not** include those sessions where the pupil attends the main school.

5.8.9.2 Zero sessions possible

Zero sessions possible are recorded where a dual registered pupil has all of their previous attendance (term or half term) for which attendance data is collected at the other registration. For example, where a dually registered pupil has all of the attendance at his / her subsidiary registration, the main registration would have zero sessions possible recorded for that period in the census.

5.8.9.3 Summer half term

The department's advice regarding study leave is that it should be used sparingly and only granted to year 11 pupils during public examinations. As study leave is unsupervised, schools must record it as an authorised absence. Study leave is no longer applicable once examinations are concluded.

The official school leaving date is the last Friday in June of the school year in which a child reaches age 16. This means that year 11 pupils must remain on the school roll until Friday 28 June 2019 and their attendance must be recorded to this date.

Schools remain responsible for year 11 pupils up to the leaving date, even when they have finished exams. Schools may wish to consider how they might seek to widen the range of learning opportunities during this time to meet the needs of their pupils.

Where pupils were born on or after 1999-09-01, they must remain in some form of education or training until their 18th birthday.

The options are:

- full-time education – for example at a school or college
- an apprenticeship or traineeship
- part-time education or training - as well as being employed, self-employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week

It is noted that the pupil may not remain within the school to undertake this requirement - hence the retention of the leaving age at 16. Where a pupil does remain with the school, the school will continue to remain responsible for the pupil up to the new leaving date. However, there is no longer a requirement for absence data to be returned in the school census.

Note: Attendance data for the second half of the summer term in respect of pupils aged 15 years old is not published in any national statistics.

5.8.9.4 Pupils aged 4 years

For pupils aged 4 years, the recorded number of sessions possible are those they are expected to attend and will vary from pupil to pupil and from school to school. Attendance code 'X' (*non-compulsory school age absence - not counted in possible attendances*) is used for sessions when a 4-year-old is not expected to attend, for example those attending part-time.

5.8.10 Sessions missed due to authorised absence [Not for: Nursery schools]

Authorised absence is absence that has been authorised by a teacher or other authorised representative of the school. This includes instances of absences for which a satisfactory explanation has been provided (for example, illness). Absence can be authorised retrospectively if the teacher, or other authorised representative of the school, subsequently 'accepts' a reason for the absence provided by a parent.

5.8.11 Sessions missed due to unauthorised absence [Not for: Nursery schools]

Unauthorised absence is absence without permission from a teacher or other authorised representative of the school. This includes all unexplained or unjustified absences. Arriving late for school, after the register has closed, is recorded as

unauthorised absence. The category of unauthorised absence does not apply to pupils of non-compulsory school age (those aged 4 years).

5.8.12 Pupil absence and attendance codes [Not for: Nursery schools]

This relates to authorised or unauthorised absences for the pupil. Schools will be aware of the full range of absence and attendance codes, which include values for attendance and for approved education activities, as these codes are used by schools MIS when recording pupil attendance.

The use of a fixed set of absence and attendance codes is to assist in monitoring not only whether pupils are absent with or without the permission of the school, but also why pupils are absent from school (see codeset in [section 8](#)).

For pupils aged 4 years, schools are not obliged to use individual absence and attendance codes. However, they are encouraged to use these codes and, if they do so, the appropriate absences will be returned in the school census. If schools do not wish to use these codes, then they should just provide the total number of absences for the attendance period by recording these as sessions missed due to authorised absence. Absences recorded for 4-year-olds will not be treated as 'authorised' or 'unauthorised' and instead will be reported, and published, as overall absence.

5.8.13 Number of sessions missed [Not for: Nursery schools]

The number of sessions missed for each specified reason for absence. See 5.9.12 above in respect of 4-year-olds. Schools that use electronic registration that is not integrated with their main MIS, or record attendances in paper registers, will manually calculate the number of session missed and add to their census return.

5.9 Post-16 Learning Aims [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

Please note: This document reflects the reformed GCSEs exam grades. [More information](#) on them is available on GOV.UK. The new grades are available in the codeset in [section 8](#).

Interactive post-16 school census tool

An updated [interactive tool](#) to support the return of accurate post-16 school census data is available. Some schools risk not getting the funding they should because of inaccurate data.

The tool will help schools understand:

- how their data is used to calculate their post-16 funding
- how common data errors affect their funding

Business managers and staff responsible for preparing and submitting the autumn school census return will find it useful.

The tool is in [an Excel workbook](#); please ensure that [macros are enabled](#) so that the workbook functions properly.

In addition, there are a number of ESFA Post 16 reports available on the COLLECT portal, for more information see [section 9](#).

(a) Post-16 learning aims

Secondary schools with sixth forms, all-through schools, pupil referral units, city technology colleges and academies (including free schools) must return this module. When a school (secondary, alternative provision academies, including alternative provision free schools) does **not** have a sixth form this information is **not collected**. Learning aims data is used by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to calculate funding allocations.

Whilst students at other schools (such as special schools or middle-deemed secondary schools) may undertake learning aims, information about those learning aims are **not** collected as part of the school census.

Learning aims are collected for any students who:

- were on roll at the school at any point between 2018-08-01 and census day
and
- were in actual national curriculum year group 12 or above in that period, regardless of their age
and
- for whom the school wishes to claim 16 to 19 funding from the ESFA

Learning aims that were taken in the **previous academic year** are collected for any students who:

- have been on roll in the school at any point between 2017-08-01 and 2018-07-31

and

- were in actual national curriculum year group 12 or above in that period, regardless of their age

and

- for whom the school wishes to claim 16 to 19 funding from the ESFA

Please note: this may include students who have left school prior to the autumn census day.

For information on which students are eligible for 16 to 19 funding, see the ESFA's [funding regulations](#) guidance.

Schools must only include learning aims for those students who have (or had at the time of the learning aims) current or main registration at the school. For dual registered students, funding is provided to the main school. All learning aims for dual registered students must be returned by the school that holds the student's main registration (the main school returns the learning aims being taken at both the main and subsidiary schools). Subsidiary schools do **not** submit learning aims in respect of students with subsidiary registration.

(b) Planned hours [used for funding]

The planned hours the pupil intends to study are recorded in this field. It is the annual planned hours (and not the actual hours studied within the year) that are returned. Please see paragraph [5.10.9](#) for more information. When a pupil has no planned hours, this will affect funding. [Information on recording planned hours](#) is available on GOV.UK.

(c) Re-sits and re-takes

A re-sit occurs when an examination is taken again but the student does not attend regular lessons for the course (attendance at revision classes may occur). Information in relation to re-sits is not required for the purposes of this collection and therefore must not be returned by schools.

A re-take occurs when a student is retaking a complete qualification, including attendance at regular classes, and this will be treated in the same manner as any other course and recorded as a new learning aim. However unless the reasons for the student re-taking are exceptional because of circumstances outside either the student's or school's control – or to undertake the mandatory re-take of Maths and English GCSE - it must not be included in planned hours as it will not be funded.

5.9.1 Learning aims to be included [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

Learning aims are returned in the autumn school census where they are active at any point between 2017-08-01 and the autumn census day.

With the exception of GCSE English and Maths leading to a '9' to '4', 'A*' to 'C' grade for those students who have yet to attain that level, resits and retakes are generally not eligible for funding and must not be included as aims or in the planned hours recorded. Further guidance on re-takes and re-sits is in the [funding regulations guidance](#).

Where students move between year groups during the course of an academic year, it may not be possible for a school's MIS to automatically identify the appropriate students or learning aims that need to be included in the school census return. In such cases, advice should be sought from the software provider and the school may need to make its own judgements according to the criteria set out above to decide whether the student and the learning aims should be included in the school census return.

5.9.1.1 Learning aims submitted in error

Any learning aims in scope of the census – those that were active at any point during the current or previous academic year – that have been submitted in error during a previous census must not be returned in the current census. In such situations, schools are required to keep their local management information system up to date with the correct learning aims information with only the correct learning aims being returned in the next census. See example below for further details.

Example 'A': Correcting the recording of an incorrect learning aim in a previous census

During the 2017 autumn school census, the following learning aim was submitted as being undertaken during the 2016-17 academic year:

- Qualification number equals Z9999999
- Subject classification code equals 1234
- Learning aim start date equals 2017-09-01
- Learning aim planned end date equals 2018-07-31
- Learning aim actual end date equals NULL (as aim not completed as at 2017 autumn census)

- Learning aim status equals '1' - The learner is continuing or intending to continue the learning activities leading to the learning aim

Following completion of the 2017 autumn census, the school subsequently discovered that they recorded the incorrect subject classification code for this learning aim – this should be 4321 rather than 1234.

To correct this error the school must update the learning aim in their system with the correct details (either by amending the existing aim or by deleting the incorrect aim and creating a new one) and only the correct aim must be returned in the following census. In this example, the correct aim was completed on 2018-08-31 and therefore the following information would be returned in the 2018 autumn census:

- Qualification number equals Z9999999
- Subject classification code equals 4321
- Learning aim start date equals 2017-09-01
- Learning aim planned end date equals 2018-07-31
- Learning aim actual end date equals NULL (as aim not completed as at 2017 autumn census)
- Learning aim status equals '2' - The learner has completed the learning activities leading to the learning aim

Example 'B': Correcting the recording of a learning aim that was never started by the pupil

During the 2017 autumn school census, the following learning aim was submitted as being undertaken during the 2017-18 academic year:

- Qualification number equals Z9999999
- Subject classification code equals 1234
- Learning aim start date equals 2017-09-01
- Learning aim planned end date equals 2018-07-31
- Learning aim actual end date equals NULL (as aim not completed as at 2017 autumn census)
- Learning aim status equals '1' - The learner is continuing or intending to continue the learning activities leading to the learning aim

Following completion of the 2017 autumn census, the school subsequently discovered that they incorrectly recorded the learning aim, as the pupil did not start the course.

To correct this error the school must delete the learning aim in their system and ensure that only the correct aims are returned in the following census.

As the autumn census drives funding it is imperative that this amendment is made before the final submission of the autumn return. Failing to correct this error may also affect the school's combined completion/attainment and retention measures.

5.9.2 Required data items [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

The post-16 module has six data items:

- qualification number (QN)
- subject classification code (SC)
- learning aim start date
- learning aim planned end date
- learning aim status
- learning aim actual end date
- partnership UKPRN

5.9.3 Qualification numbers (QNs) and subject classification codes (SCCs) [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

Every course of study leading to any level of qualification that is funded for schools in England is allocated a QN and an SCC. The QN specifies the qualification offered and the SCC identifies the subject. It is essential that the correct QN is returned in the school census. A comprehensive list of QNs (with associated data) is available on the [QN Web Services \(QWS\) website](#). Users should check this site regularly to ensure they have the latest version downloaded to their MIS software. Schools must only return valid QNs for the academic year in question.

SCCs are used to identify pathways within a qualification. For example, a QN for art and design may cover qualifications in fine art, photography and art history. Some qualifications use different discount codes / subject classification codes for KS4 and for

post-16. The discount codes on QWS are, in all cases, the post-16 codes and schools must use these codes in the school census return. It is possible that data files from awarding bodies will use the KS4 codes. The [discount codes](#) on GOV.UK will show the KS4 code and the post-16 code. This may be useful if your MIS is trying to match awarding organisation data to learning aims data. If this causes you any difficulty, the department advises you to contact your software supplier: they should be able to advise on the best course of action. If in doubt, use the QWS discount code.

5.9.3.1 QN validity

Qualifications are available for a limited period of time. The [section 96 pages](#) on GOV.UK have a downloadable list of qualifications that the Secretary of State for Education has approved for teaching to young people. Each qualification has an approval start date and an approval end date listed, along with the certification end date set by the awarding organisation.

QWS also lists the approval start and end dates. Pupils must not start on any course after the approval end date has passed, unless they are re-sitting the course. Even for re-sits, the final assessment or examination must be taken before the certification end date. We regularly remove QNs from QWS when their certification end date has passed.

When schools want to use a QN that has an approval end date in the near future, they must check with awarding organisations to find out whether the qualification is being extended or replaced.

Some qualifications are approved on section 96 but are not eligible for 16 to 19 funding. You can check which qualifications are valid for funding using the Learning Aims Reference Service ([LARS](#)). Qualifications valid for ESFA 16 to 19 funding have their availability showing under the category '16-19 ESFA'.

If you come across discrepancies that prevent you from correctly returning data in the census, please use the [service request form](#) to report these.

5.9.4 Learning aim start date [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

The date on which the student began the learning activity. This date must **not** be later than census day. When a pupil has no learning aim start date, this will affect funding.

5.9.5 Learning aim planned end date [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

The planned end date is the date on which the student plans to complete the learning aim in question. If the student completes the learning aim before or after this date, you must not change the planned end date. You may change the planned end date before the end of the student's qualifying period.

The planned end date may not be more than 5 years after the start date. The planned end date is used to identify the cohort of students in the calculation of performance measures.

5.9.6 Learning aim actual end date [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

The date that the student completed the learning activities or the date they withdrew or transferred from the learning activities. This includes time for examinations and assessment. When schools return a date in this field, the learning aim status cannot be continuing (code '1'). Until a student has completed, withdrawn or transferred to another learning aim prior to census day, the learning aim actual end date must be blank. This shows that a learner is continuing on the learning aim and therefore the learning aim status can only be continuing (code '1').

5.9.7 Learning aim status [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

This gives the status of the learning aim at the time of the autumn census. There are four possible values.

| Code | Description |
|-------------|---|
| '1' | The learner is continuing or intending to continue the learning activities leading to the learning aim |
| '2' | The learner has completed the learning activities leading to the learning aim |
| '3' | The learner has withdrawn from the learning activities leading to the learning aim |
| '4' | The learner has transferred to a new learning aim. That is, the learner has withdrawn from this learning aim and as a direct result has at the same time started studying for another learning aim within the same provider |

5.9.8 Processes for recording learning aims [For: Secondary, all-through schools with sixth forms and PRU / AP only] [used for funding]

5.9.8.1 Prior to or at the start of the academic year

Before recording details of learning aims for individual students, we recommend that schools produce a list of the qualifications that they will be providing. This school list will then be used for allocating specific learning aims to students. This list should only contain qualifications that are valid for the academic year in question (qualification validity dates are shown in QWS and LARS) as invalid qualifications can result in negative impacts on your 16 to 19 funding.

Each qualification in the school list is identified by:

- a qualification number (QN)
- a subject classification code (SCC)
- a learning aim start date (the date the learning activities for the qualification will start for each student – students may have differing start dates for the same learning aim)
- a learning aim planned end date (the date the learning activities for the qualification are planned to end for each student – students may have differing end dates for the same learning aim)

'Learning activities' includes any examination or other method of assessment.

Schools will need to use the [QN Web Services website \(QWS\)](#) to identify the correct QN and SCC for each learning aim.

QNs are available for the overall International Baccalaureate (IB) and for each component (subject) qualification. When students take the full IB, schools must record the QN for the whole qualification, and not the QNs for the individual components. When students are only taking components of the IB, but not the whole qualification, schools must return the QNs for those components.

The IB Organisation also offer the International Baccalaureate career-related certificate. This can include components from other awarding organisations. Schools return the overall QN, along with the QNs for components offered by non-IB awarding organisations.

5.9.8.2 At the start of the academic year

At the beginning of the academic year, schools enter details for each learning aim undertaken by a student, using the school list described above. This includes those courses starting in the current and those continuing from the previous academic year(s).

Schools identify and record the core learning aim (the principal or most important qualification) for students undertaking a vocational study programme. There is one core aim per student, per academic year. There is more information on [the core aim](#) on GOV.UK and in the [funding rates and formula](#) guidance.

5.9.8.3 Throughout the academic year

Throughout the academic year, schools update the actual end date and status of the learning aim as appropriate. When the learning aim status is continuing (the default value), the learning aim actual end date is left blank. When the student has completed, withdrawn or transferred from the learning aim, the learning aim actual end date reflects the date the status changed.

5.9.8.4 For the autumn school census

Schools must ensure that records are up to date and include all learning aims in scope.

Performance measures for all qualifications are calculated according to the planned end date. Where a student continues their study beyond the planned end date entered at the start of the learning aim, schools must not change the planned end date.

5.9.9 Recording of planned hours for 16-19 year-old students in the school census (only relevant to pupils in national curriculum year 12 or above) [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP] [used for funding]

All planned hours data are collected and returned by the school that holds the pupil's 'main' registration. Where a pupil is dually registered, the school with the 'main' registration makes the return. For example, where school A holds the main registration and has 120 planned hours, and school B (subsidiary registration) has 250 planned hours, the return would be made by school A (370 planned hours), with school B making no return for this student.

5.9.9.1 Planned learning hours [used for funding]

The planned learning hours field records the total planned hours, for the student for the current academic year, spent on 16 to 19 funded qualifications only. The value you record is the number of hours as planned at the start of the programme. If the number of planned hours changes later in the year, schools do not need to update the census.

More [detailed information on recording planned hours](#) is available on GOV.UK and in the [funding regulations](#) guidance.

5.9.9.2 Planned employability, enrichment and pastoral hours [used for funding]

The planned employability, enrichment and pastoral hours field records the total planned hours for the student for the current teaching year.

The value you record is the number of hours as planned at the start of the programme. If the number of planned hours changes later in the year, you do not need to update the census.

More [detailed information on recording planned hours](#) is available on GOV.UK and in the [funding regulations](#) guidance.

5.9.10 Core aim [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP] [used for funding]

This field identifies the core aim within a **vocational ESFA 16 to 19 funded study only**. Where a pupil follows an academic programme, schools must not record a core aim.

More information on [choosing a core aim](#) is available on GOV.UK and in the [funding rates and formula](#) guidance.

5.9.11 Post-16 students who are in full-time employment [For: Secondary, all-through, and PRU / AP] [used for funding]

Under the raising the participation age (RPA) policy post-16 pupils must be in full-time education/training unless they are in full-time employment (20 hours or more per week). More information on [RPA](#) is available on GOV.UK.

Where a young person's employment hours vary, we consider employment of an average of 40 or more hours over a two-week period as meeting the requirement. Part-time work (for example a weekend or evening job) is not affected by these

requirements. This field indicates pupils who are in full-time employment and are therefore eligible for part-time education/training.

5.9.12 GCSE Maths and English condition of funding [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP] [used for funding]

Students must study maths and / or English as part of their study programme in each academic year. This applies to students aged 16 to 18 and 19 to 25 with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan who do not hold a GCSE grade '9' to '4', 'A*' to 'C' or equivalent qualification in these subjects. This applies to students starting, or who have already started, a new study programme of 150 hours or more, on or after 1 August 2014.

This Maths and English study is a condition of funding. We will remove funding for students who do not meet the condition.

More [information on the condition of funding](#) is available on GOV.UK.

The census includes these fields in order for the funding to record when students meet the condition of funding:

- English / maths GCSE highest prior attainment
- English / maths GCSE funding exemption

5.9.12.1 Maths and English GCSE prior attainment [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU/AP] [used for funding]

The prior attainment (grade achieved) for each pupil is recorded for maths and English (see Codeset in [section 8](#)). The grade is used to determine whether a student is required to undertake an approved English or maths GCSE or stepping stone qualification in order to meet the English and maths condition of funding.

5.9.13 English and maths GCSE funding exemption [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU/AP] [used for funding]

The exemptions field records whether the pupil is exempt from the condition of funding, or whether they have prior attainment that meets the condition of funding by holding UK or overseas equivalent qualifications.

There are only two exemptions to the condition of funding:

- the student's learning difficulty prevents them studying a GCSE or stepping stone qualification that meets the condition of funding: code 'L'
- the student's overseas qualification is equivalent to GCSE '9' to '4', 'A*' to 'C' code 'O'

Students who hold an equivalent UK qualification are recorded with code 'U'.

To reduce burdens, systems should default to 'N' (no exemption).

5.9.14 English and maths GCSE prior attainment year group [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU/AP] [used for funding]

The census records whether a student has achieved English and / or maths GCSEs at grades '9' to '4', 'A*' to 'C' by the end of year 11 in the field English and maths GCSE prior attainment year group. This is used to determine whether a student is eligible for block 2 disadvantage funding. The codes for this field are in the codeset at [section 8](#).

More information on disadvantage block 2 funding is in the [Funding rates and formula](#) guidance.

5.9.15 Sub-contracting partner UKPRN [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP]

The sub-contracting partner UKPRN is recorded for all learning aims where delivery is sub-contracted. Sub-contracting is defined as provision delivered away from the main institution sites by a third-party organization, with whom the ESFA 16 to 19 funded institution has made contractual arrangements to deliver education provision that will be paid for with ESFA 16 to 19 funding.

A school that is part of a consortium is not considered to be sub-contracting with the other schools in the consortium.

Schools must record the UK provider registration number (UKPRN) against the learning aim(s) that are sub-contracted to the partner organisation.

5.9.16 Learning aim withdrawal reason [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP]

The reason that most closely matches the reason for the student leaving the course is selected from the list of options (see the codeset at [section 8](#)). If more than one reason

applies, the one considered to be the main driver for the withdrawal is selected. Unless a student has withdrawn from the learning aim prior to census day, the learning aim withdrawal reason is left blank.

The department monitors non-completion of courses to calculate the completion and attainment accountability measure for Tech Levels and level 2 vocational courses using this data. Students withdrawing from these courses to take up apprenticeships, traineeships or supported internships are excluded from the measure.

5.9.17 Traineeships [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP with appropriate age ranges] [used for funding]

Traineeships are programmes that prepare young people for employment so that they are able to progress successfully to apprenticeships or other sustainable jobs. They usually include a work experience placement, work preparation, and often include maths and English to meet the condition of funding. When a traineeship programme includes work experience that must be the core aim. Further guidance on traineeships is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

The traineeship indicator is set against each of the pupil's learning aims. The default is set to 'false' (or '0'), and any learning aim that is part of a traineeship programme is recorded as 'true' (or '1').

Where learning aims from a previous academic year contribute to a traineeship, they do not need to be retrospectively flagged.

5.9.18 Recording 'A' levels [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU / AP]

Linear A-levels were introduced in August 2015 for a number of subject areas. The AS is decoupled from the A-level, which means that AS marks will not count towards the A-level. Learners do not need to enter for an AS level in order to pursue a subject to A-level. More information on [reformed A-levels](https://www.gov.uk) is available on GOV.UK.

5.9.18.1 How to record A-levels?

With linear qualifications, schools can choose between three approaches:

- A learner studying for an A-level who does not intend to sit the AS-level: the school records the A-level for the first year with a learning aim planned end date reflecting the planned two-year length of the course. For example, for a student

starting an A-level in September 2018 the start date will be 2018-09-01 and the planned end date will be 2020-07-31

- A learner planning to take the AS-level as well as for the A-level: the school records the AS-level for the first year with a learning aim planned end date reflecting the planned one-year length of the course. For example, for a student starting an AS-level in September 2018 the start date will be 2018-09-01 and the planned end date will be 2019-07-31. When the learner goes on to the A-level in 2019, the school must record the A-level as a one-year course (the start date will be 2019-09-01 and the planned end date will be 2020-07-31)
- A learner who is only planning to complete the AS-level: the school records the AS-level with a start date of 2018-09-01 and a planned end date of 2019-07-31. If the learner decides to go on to do the A-level as well, the A-level must be recorded in 2019, as in the scenario above

In all cases, providers must accurately record the learning aim that a learner is working towards.

5.9.18.2 Are there any funding implications?

There is no funding implication. 16 to 19 funding is based on the planned hours for the student's programme each year. As long as the planned hours accurately record the student's planned activity, the funding will be correct.

5.9.18.3 Transfers and withdrawals

Where a learner changes the AS or A-level learning aim that they are working towards, or withdraws from the learning aim, this must be recorded in the usual way on the school census.

5.9.19 Recording industry placements [For: Secondary, all-through and PRU/AP][used for funding]

Industry placements will form an integral part of the T Level programme from 2020. Students will be unable to complete the T Level, unless they have undertaken an industry placement.

Some schools will be in receipt of industry placement Capacity and Delivery Fund to help deliver external industry placements in preparation for the introduction of T Levels.

5.9.19.1 Funding requirements

For schools in receipt of industry placement Capacity and Delivery Fund (CDF) – which is for providers to prepare for the delivery of industry placements – for placements to count for funding purposes, they must meet the following criteria:

- the student must be following a level 2 or level 3 programme
- the student must be full-time (bands 5 or 4A)
- the student must follow a vocational programme that is not based around applied general qualifications (such as BTECs)
- the placement must be a single, continuous, placement (at the same employer) of at least 45 days duration and a minimum of 315 hours
- The industry placement must be occupationally specific to the course the student is undertaking
- The placement must be with an external employer

5.9.19.2 Recording industry placements

Schools record industry placements using one of the 16 industry placement learning aims. These record the number of hours in the work placement.

| Industry placement | Number of hours in placement |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Band 1 | 315 to 329 |
| Band 2 | 330 to 344 |
| Band 3 | 345 to 359 |
| Band 4 | 360 to 374 |
| Band 5 | 375 to 389 |
| Band 6 | 390 to 404 |
| Band 7 | 405 to 419 |
| Band 8 | 420 to 434 |
| Band 9 | 435 to 449 |
| Band 10 | 450 to 464 |
| Band 11 | 465 to 479 |
| Band 12 | 480 to 494 |
| Band 13 | 495 plus |

New qualification numbers have been added to QWS to allow the recording of industry placements from September 2018.

6. Further Information

Local authority maintained schools should contact their local authority in the first instance for any further help or advice regarding the school census. If there are questions that your local authority cannot resolve, or if you are a local authority, academy or CTC, then you should contact the department's service desk by completing a [service request form](#). You must also use service request forms to change contact details and to request access to COLLECT.

This document is published on the [department's website](#)

7. Codesets – school level

School phase [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|---------------------------|
| NS | Nursery |
| PS | Primary |
| MP | Middle (deemed primary) |
| MS | Middle (deemed secondary) |
| SS | Secondary |
| AT | All-through |
| SP | Special |
| PR | PRU / AP |

School type [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| 01 | First school, 5-8 |
| 02 | First school, 5-9 |
| 03 | First school, 5-10 |
| 04 | First and middle school, 5-12 |
| 05 | Middle school, 8-12, deemed primary |
| 06 | Middle school, 9-13, deemed primary |
| 07 | Middle school, 9-13, deemed secondary |
| 08 | Middle school, 10-13, deemed secondary |
| 09 | Comprehensive upper school, 12-15/16 |
| 10 | Comprehensive upper school, 12-18 |
| 11 | Comprehensive upper school, 13-16 |
| 12 | Comprehensive upper school, 13-18 |
| 16 | Infant school, 5-7/8 |
| 17 | Junior school, 7/8-11 |
| 18 | Infant and junior school, 5-11 |
| 21 | Comprehensive all-through, 11-16 |
| 22 | Comprehensive all-through, 11-18 |
| 25 | Junior comprehensive, 11-13, automatic transfer |
| 26 | Junior comprehensive, 11-14, automatic transfer |
| 27 | Junior comprehensive, 11-16, optional transfer at 13 |
| 28 | Junior comprehensive, 11-16, optional transfer at 14 |
| 29 | Senior comprehensive, 13-16, automatic transfer |
| 30 | Senior comprehensive, 13-18, optional transfer |
| 31 | Senior comprehensive, 13-18, automatic transfer |
| 32 | Senior comprehensive, 14-18, optional transfer |
| 33 | Senior comprehensive, 14-18, automatic transfer |
| 36 | Non-comprehensive secondary - modern |
| 37 | Non-comprehensive secondary - grammar |
| 38 | Non-comprehensive secondary - technical |
| 39 | Non-comprehensive secondary - other |
| 41 | Middle school, 10-14, deemed secondary |
| 42 | First school, 5-7; |
| 43 | First school, 7-10; |
| 44 | Comprehensive upper school, 14/15-18 |
| 45 | Middle school, 9-12, deemed primary |
| 46 | Comprehensive, middle and upper, 10-16 |

| Code | Description |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 47 | City technology college |
| 48 | Comprehensive upper school, 11-16 |
| 49 | Academies |
| 50 | Maintained nursery |
| 51 | Direct grant nursery |
| 52 | Special school |
| 53 | Hospital special school |
| 54 | LA maintained PRU / AP |
| 55 | All-through school |

National curriculum year group [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|--------|---|
| E1 | Early first year |
| E2 | Early second year |
| N1 | Nursery first year |
| N2 | Nursery second year |
| R | Reception |
| 1 – 14 | Years 1 to 14 |
| M | Mixed year class |
| X | National curriculum not followed: Available for pupils who are not following the national curriculum through statutory disapplication processes |

*Not used for maximum or minimum year group but are used for class key stage

Intake type [Not for: Nursery schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|-----------------------|
| COMP | Comprehensive |
| SEL1 | Selective (grammar) |
| SEL2 | Secondary modern |
| SEL3 | Selective (technical) |
| SEL4 | Religious school |
| SPEC | Special |
| HOSP | Hospital |

Governance [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|----------------------|
| CO | Community |
| VA | Voluntary aided |
| VC | Voluntary controlled |
| FO | Foundation |
| IN | Independent |
| NM | Non-maintained |
| CT | CTC |
| CA | Academy |

School SEN type

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| SPLD | Specific Learning Difficulty |
| MLD | Moderate Learning Difficulty |
| SLD | Severe Learning Difficulty |
| PMLD | Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty |
| SEMH | Social, Emotional and Mental Health |
| SLCN | Speech, Language and Communication Needs |
| HI | Hearing Impairment |
| VI | Visual Impairment |
| MSI | Multi-Sensory Impairment |
| PD | Physical Disability |
| ASD | Autistic Spectrum Disorder |
| OTH | Other Difficulty/Disability – to be applied in exceptional circumstances where the primary type of need has not yet been established |

Class activity [Not for: Nursery schools]

| Class activity [Primary and all-through schools only] | |
|--|--|
| AR | Art, Craft or Design |
| EN | English Literacy or Reading |
| FL | Foreign Language |
| GP | Group Project work (including mixed activities in other categories and library work) |
| HU | Humanities (including Geography, History, Economics or Business Studies) |
| MA | Mathematics or Numeracy |
| MD | Music, Singing or Drama |
| OT | Other |
| PE | PE or Games |
| RE | Religious Education |
| SC | Science |
| TE | Technology, IT or Computing |
| TV | Watching TV or listening to Radio |

Childcare provider

| Code | Description |
|------|-----------------------------|
| SCH | School |
| SIP | School in partnership |
| OTH | Other (non-school) provider |

Type of childcare

| Code | Description |
|------|---------------|
| B | Before school |
| A | After school |
| H | Holiday |
| U | Under fives |

Other schools

| Code | Description |
|------|-------------|
| Y | Yes |
| N | No |
| U | Unknown |

8. Codesets - pupil level

Pupil gender

| Code | Description |
|------|-------------|
| M | Male |
| F | Female |

Ethnicity [ALL Schools]

| DfE extended codes | Approved extended categories | DfE main code | Sub- category | Main category | Comments |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| WBRI | White - British | WBRI | White - British | White | WBRI may not be used if any of the extended categories below (WCOR-WWEL) are used |
| WCOR | White - Cornish | WBRI | White - British | White | |
| WENG | White - English | WBRI | White - British | White | |
| WSCO | White - Scottish | WBRI | White - British | White | |
| WWEL | White - Welsh | WBRI | White - British | White | |
| WOWB | Other White British | WBRI | White - British | White | If LAs collect information for "White - British" pupils using any of the extended categories above (WCOR-WWEL), this category must be used as a catch all for all other White pupils within the main "White - British" category. If used, cannot have category "White - British" (WBRI). |
| WIRI | White - Irish | WIRI | White - Irish | White | |
| WIRT | Traveller of Irish heritage | WIRT | Traveller of Irish heritage | White | |
| WOTH | Any other white background | WOTH | Any other white background | White | WOTH may not be used if any of the extended categories below (WALB-WWEU) are used. |
| WALB | Albanian | WOTH | Any other white background | White | Excluding Kosovan. |
| WBOS | Bosnian-Herzegovinian | WOTH | Any other white background | White | |
| WCRO | Croatian | WOTH | Any other white background | White | |
| WGRE | Greek/ Greek Cypriot | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If LAs do not wish to distinguish between pupils of Greek and Greek Cypriot heritage, they may place all Greek/ Greek Cypriot in this category. If used, cannot have categories "Greek" (WGRK) or "Greek Cypriot" (WGRC). |
| WGRK | Greek | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If used, cannot have category "Greek/ Greek Cypriot" (WGRE). If used, must also have category "Greek Cypriot" (WGRC). |
| WGRC | Greek Cypriot | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If used, cannot have category "Greek/ Greek Cypriot" (WGRE). If used, must also have category "Greek" (WGRK). |
| WITA | Italian | WOTH | Any other white background | White | |

| DfE extended codes | Approved extended categories | DfE main code | Sub- category | Main category | Comments |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|--|
| WKOS | Kosovan | WOTH | Any other white background | White | |
| WPOR | Portuguese | WOTH | Any other white background | White | |
| WSER | Serbian | WOTH | Any other white background | White | |
| WTUR | Turkish/ Turkish Cypriot | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If LAs do not wish to distinguish between pupils of Turkish and Turkish Cypriot heritage, they may place all Turkish/ Turkish Cypriot in this category. If used, cannot have categories "Turkish" (WTUK) or "Turkish Cypriot" (WTUC). |
| WTUK | Turkish | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If used, cannot have category "Turkish/ Turkish Cypriot" (WTUR). If used, must also have category "Turkish Cypriot" (WTUC). |
| WTUC | Turkish Cypriot | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If used, cannot have category "Turkish/ Turkish Cypriot" (WTUR). If used, must also have category "Turkish" (WTUK). |
| WEUR | White European | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If LAs do not collect information on White European pupils on the basis of country of origin or East/ West European, they may place all White European pupils here. |
| WEEU | White Eastern European | WOTH | Any other white background | White | Including Russian, Latvian, Ukrainian, Polish, Bulgarian, Czech, Slovak, Lithuanian, Montenegrin and Romanian. |
| WWEU | White Western European | WOTH | Any other white background | White | Including Italian, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Scandinavian. |
| WOTW | White other | WOTH | Any other white background | White | If LAs collect information for "Any Other White Background" pupils using any of the extended categories above (WALB-WWEU), this category must be used as a catch all for all other White pupils within the main "Any Other White Background" category. If used, cannot have category "Any Other White Background" (WOTH). |
| WROM | Gypsy / Roma | WROM | Gypsy / Roma | White | This category includes pupils who identify themselves as Gypsies and or Romanies, and or Travellers, and or Traditional Travellers, and or Romanichals, and or Romanichal Gypsies and or Welsh Gypsies / Kaale, and or Scottish Travellers / Gypsies, and or Roma. It includes all children of a Gypsy ethnic background or Roma ethnic background, irrespective of whether they are nomadic, semi nomadic or living in static accommodation. It should not include Fairground (Showman's) children; the children travelling with circuses; or the children of New Travellers or Bargees unless, of course, their ethnic status is that which is mentioned above. Schools would use this where they do not wish to identify Gypsy and Roma pupils separately |

| DfE extended codes | Approved extended categories | DfE main code | Sub- category | Main category | Comments |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| WROG | Gypsy | WROM | Gypsy/Roma | White | This category enables the separate identification of Gypsy pupils. Gypsy refers to: all pupils who identify themselves as Gypsies. This includes all children of a Gypsy ethnic background, irrespective of whether they are nomadic, semi-nomadic or living in static accommodation. |
| WROR | Roma | WROM | Gypsy/Roma | White | This category identifies the separate identification of Roma pupils. Roma refers to: all pupils who identify themselves as Roma or Romany, part of a diverse community of related groups whose ancestors are believed to originate from the Indian sub-continent but who have more recently migrated from Central and Eastern Europe. Many Roma speak a form of dialect of the Romani language as their first language and for many this is in addition to their national language (Czech or Romanian). |
| WROO | Other Gypsy/Roma | WROM | Gypsy/Roma | White | This category is for Gypsy/Roma who do not identify with one or the other of the above groups - pupils with mixed Gypsy/Roma heritage. |
| MWBC | White and Black Caribbean | MWBC | White and Black Caribbean | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MWBA | White and Black African | MWBA | White and Black African | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MWAS | White and Asian | MWAS | White and Asian | Mixed/Dual background | MWAS may not be used if any of the extended categories below (MWAP-MWAI) are used. |
| MWAP | White and Pakistani | MWAS | White and Asian | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MWAI | White and Indian | MWAS | White and Asian | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MWAO | White and any other Asian background | MWAS | White and Asian | Mixed/Dual background | If LAs collect information for "White and Asian" pupils using any of the extended categories above (MWAP-MWAI), this category must be used as a catch all for all other Mixed/Dual background pupils within the main "White and Asian" category. If used, cannot have category "White and Asian" (MWAS). |
| MOTH | Any other mixed background | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | MOTH may not be used if any of the extended categories below (MAOE-MWCH) are used. |
| MAOE | Asian and any other ethnic group | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MABL | Asian and Black | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MACH | Asian and Chinese | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MBOE | Black and any other ethnic group | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |

| DfE extended codes | Approved extended categories | DfE main code | Sub- category | Main category | Comments |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| MBCH | Black and Chinese | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MCOE | Chinese and any other ethnic group | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MWOE | White and any other ethnic group | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MWCH | White and Chinese | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | |
| MOTM | Other mixed background | MOTH | Any other mixed background | Mixed/Dual background | If LAs collect information for "any other mixed background" pupils using any of the extended categories above (MAOE-MWCH), this category must be used as a catch all for all other Mixed/Dual background pupils within the main "any other mixed background" category. If used, cannot have category "any other mixed background" (MOTH). |
| AIND | Indian | AIND | Indian | Asian or Asian British | |
| APKN | Pakistani | APKN | Pakistani | Asian or Asian British | APKN may not be used if any of the extended categories below (AMPK-AKPA) are used. |
| AMPK | Mirpuri Pakistani | APKN | Pakistani | Asian or Asian British | |
| AKPA | Kashmiri Pakistani | APKN | Pakistani | Asian or Asian British | |
| AOPK | Other Pakistani | APKN | Pakistani | Asian or Asian British | If LAs collect information for "Pakistani" pupils using any of the extended categories above (AMPK-AKPA), this category must be used as a catch all for all other Pakistani pupils within the main "Pakistani" category. If used, cannot have category "Pakistani" (APKN). |
| ABAN | Bangladeshi | ABAN | Bangladeshi | Asian or Asian British | |
| AOTH | Any other Asian background | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | AOTH may not be used if any of the extended categories below (AAFR-ASRO) are used. |
| AAFR | African Asian | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | Including East and South African Asians. |
| AKAO | Kashmiri other | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | Kashmiri respondents not wishing to be classified under Asian Pakistani should use this category. |
| ANEP | Nepali | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | |
| ASNL | Sri Lankan Sinhalese | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | All other Sinhalese pupils should be placed wherever appropriate in the categories above. If used MUST also have categories "Sri Lankan Tamil" (ASLT) and 'Sri Lankan Other' (ASRO). |

| DfE extended codes | Approved extended categories | DfE main code | Sub- category | Main category | Comments |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| ASLT | Sri Lankan Tamil | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | All other Tamil pupils should be placed wherever appropriate in the categories above. If used MUST also have categories 'Sri Lankan Sinhalese' (ASNL) and 'Sri Lankan other' (ASRO). |
| ASRO | Sri Lankan other | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | If used MUST also have categories 'Sri Lankan Sinhalese' (ASNL) and 'Sri Lankan Tamil' (ASLT). |
| AOTA | Other Asian | AOTH | Any other Asian background | Asian or Asian British | If LAs collect information for "any other Asian background" pupils using any of the extended categories above (AAFR-ASRO), this category must be used as a catch all for all other Asian pupils within the main "any other Asian background" category. If used, cannot have category "any other Asian background" (AOTH). |
| BCRB | Black Caribbean | BCRB | Black Caribbean | Black or Black British | Including Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago. |
| BAFR | Black - African | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | BAFR may not be used if any of the extended categories below (BANN-BSUD) are used. |
| BANN | Black - Angolan | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | |
| BCON | Black - Congolese | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | |
| BGHA | Black - Ghanaian | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | |
| BNGN | Black - Nigerian | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | |
| BSLN | Black - Sierra Leonean | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | |
| BSOM | Black - Somali | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | |
| BSUD | Black - Sudanese | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | Including Sudanese of Egyptian origin. |
| BAOF | Other Black African | BAFR | Black - African | Black or Black British | Including Black South African, Zimbabwean, Ethiopian, Rwandan and Ugandan. If LAs collect information for "Black - African" pupils using any of the extended categories above (BANN-BSUD), this category must be used as a catch all for all other Black African pupils within the main "Black - African" category. If used, cannot have category "Black - African" (BAFR). |
| BOTH | Any other Black background | BOTH | Any other Black background | Black or Black British | BOTH may not be used if any of the extended categories below (BEUR-BNAM) are used. |
| BEUR | Black European | BOTH | Any other Black background | Black or Black British | |
| BNAM | Black North American | BOTH | Any other Black background | Black or Black British | Include Black North American and Canadian. |

| DfE extended codes | Approved extended categories | DfE main code | Sub- category | Main category | Comments |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| BOTB | Other Black | BOTH | Any other Black background | Black or Black British | If LAs collect information for "any other Black background" pupils using any of the extended categories above (BEUR-BNAM), this category must be used as a catch all for all other Black pupils within the main "any other Black background" category. If used, cannot have category "any other Black background" (BOTH). |
| CHNE | Chinese | CHNE | Chinese | Chinese | CHNE may not be used if any of the extended categories below (CHKC-CTWN) are used. |
| CHKC | Hong Kong Chinese | CHNE | Chinese | Chinese | |
| CMAL | Malaysian Chinese | CHNE | Chinese | Chinese | |
| CSNG | Singaporean Chinese | CHNE | Chinese | Chinese | |
| CTWN | Taiwanese | CHNE | Chinese | Chinese | |
| COCH | Other Chinese | CHNE | Chinese | Chinese | If LAs collect information for "Chinese" pupils using any of the extended categories above (CHKC-CTWN), this category must be used as a catch all for all other Chinese pupils within the main "Chinese" category. If used, cannot have category "Chinese" (CHNE). |
| OOTH | Any other ethnic group | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | OOTH may not be used if any of the extended categories below (OAFG-OYEM) are used. |
| OAFG | Afghan | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OARA | Arab other | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | Include Palestinian, Kuwaiti, Jordanian and Saudi Arabian. |
| OEGY | Egyptian | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OFIL | Filipino | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OIRN | Iranian | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OIRQ | Iraqi | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OJPN | Japanese | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OKOR | Korean | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OKRD | Kurdish | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | Include Kurdish pupils from Iraq, Iran and Turkey. |
| OLAM | Latin/South/Central American | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | Include all pupils from Central/ South America, Cuba and Belize. |
| OLEB | Lebanese | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OLIB | Libyan | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OMAL | Malay | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any Other Ethnic Group | Including Malaysian other than Malaysian Chinese. |
| OMRC | Moroccan | OOTH | Any Other Ethnic Group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OPOL | Polynesian | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | Including Fijian, Tongan, Samoan and Tahitian. |

| DfE extended codes | Approved extended categories | DfE main code | Sub- category | Main category | Comments |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| OTHA | Thai | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OVIE | Vietnamese | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OYEM | Yemeni | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | |
| OOEG | Other ethnic group | OOTH | Any other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | If LAs collect information for "any other ethnic group" pupils using any of the extended categories above (OAFG-OYEM), this category must be used as a catch all for all other pupils within the main "any other ethnic group" category. If used, cannot have category "any other ethnic group" (OOTH). |
| REFU | Refused | REFU | Refused | Refused | |
| NOBT | Information not yet obtained | NOBT | Information not yet obtained | Information not yet obtained | |

Youth support services / Connexions agreement [Not for: Nursery schools or primary]

| Code | Description |
|------|---|
| Yes | Permission has been given by the parent or guardian |
| No | Parent or guardian has refused permission |
| UNS | Unsought - School has not yet sent out privacy notices (data cannot be shared with youth support services) |
| SNR | Sought, no reply - School has sent out privacy notices, but has received no reply from parent or guardian (data cannot be shared with youth support services) |

Language code [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|-------------------------------|
| ACL | Acholi |
| ADA | Adangme |
| AFA | Afar-Saho |
| AFK | Afrikaans |
| AKA | Akan/Twi-Fante |
| AKAF | Akan (Fante) |
| AKAT | Akan (Twi/Asante) |
| ALB | Albanian/Shqip |
| ALU | Alur |
| AMR | Amharic |
| ARA | Arabic |
| ARAA | Arabic (any other) |
| ARAG | Arabic (Algeria) |
| ARAI | Arabic (Iraq) |
| ARAM | Arabic (Morocco) |
| ARAS | Arabic (Sudan) |
| ARAY | Arabic (Yemen) |
| ARM | Armenian |
| ASM | Assamese |
| ASR | Assyrian/Aramaic |
| AYB | Anyi-Baule |
| AYM | Aymara |
| AZE | Azeri |
| BAI | Bamileke (any) |
| BAL | Balochi |
| BEJ | Beja/Bedawi |
| BEL | Belarusian |
| BEM | Bemba |
| BHO | Bhojpuri |
| BIK | Bikol |
| BLT | Balti Tibetan |
| BMA | Burmese/Myanma |
| BNG | Bengali |
| BNGA | Bengali (any other) |
| BNGC | Bengali (Chittagong/Noakhali) |
| BNGS | Bengali (Sylheti) |
| BSL | British Sign Language |
| BSQ | Basque/Euskara |
| BUL | Bulgarian |
| CAM | Cambodian/Khmer |
| CAT | Catalan |
| CCE | Caribbean Creole English |
| CCF | Caribbean Creole French |
| CGA | Chaga |

| Code | Description |
|------|------------------------------|
| CGR | Chattisgarhi/Khatahi |
| CHE | Chechen |
| CHI | Chinese |
| CHIA | Chinese (any other) |
| CHIC | Chinese (Cantonese) |
| CHIH | Chinese (Hokkien/Fujianese) |
| CHIK | Chinese (Hakka) |
| CHIM | Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua) |
| CKW | Chokwe |
| CRN | Cornish |
| CTR | Chitrali/Khowar |
| CWA | Chichewa/Nyanja |
| CYM | Welsh/Cymraeg |
| CZE | Czech |
| DAN | Danish |
| DGA | Dagaare |
| DGB | Dagbane |
| DIN | Dinka/Jieng |
| DUT | Dutch/Flemish |
| DZO | Dzongkha/Bhutanese |
| EBI | Ebira |
| EDO | Edo/Bini |
| EFI | Efik-Ibibio |
| ENB | Believed to be English* |
| ENG | English* |
| ESA | Esan/Ishan |
| EST | Estonian |
| EWE | Ewe |
| EWO | Ewondo |
| FAN | Fang |
| FIJ | Fijian |
| FIN | Finnish |
| FON | Fon |
| FRN | French |
| FUL | Fula/Fulfulde-Pulaar |
| GAA | Ga |
| GAE | Gaelic/Irish |
| GAL | Gaelic (Scotland) |
| GEO | Georgian |
| GER | German |
| GGO | Gogo/Chigogo |
| GKY | Kikuyu/Gikuyu |
| GLG | Galician/Galego |
| GRE | Greek |

| Code | Description |
|------|--------------------|
| GREA | Greek (any other) |
| GREC | Greek (Cyprus) |
| GRN | Guarani |
| GUJ | Gujarati |
| GUN | Gurenne/Frafra |
| GUR | Gurma |
| HAU | Hausa |
| HDK | Hindko |
| HEB | Hebrew |
| HER | Herero |
| HGR | Hungarian |
| HIN | Hindi |
| IBA | Iban |
| IDM | Idoma |
| IGA | Igala |
| IGB | Igbo |
| IJO | Ijo (any) |
| ILO | Ilokano |
| ISK | Itsekiri |
| ISL | Icelandic |
| ITA | Italian |
| JAV | Javanese |
| JIN | Jinghpaw/Kachin |
| JPN | Japanese |
| KAM | Kikamba |
| KAN | Kannada |
| KAR | Karen (any) |
| KAS | Kashmiri |
| KAU | Kanuri |
| KAZ | Kazakh |
| KCH | Katchi |
| KGZ | Kirghiz/Kyrgyz |
| KHA | Khasi |
| KHY | Kihaya/Luziba |
| KIN | Kinyarwanda |
| KIR | Kirundi |
| KIS | Kisi (West Africa) |
| KLN | Kalenjin |
| KMB | Kimbundu |
| KME | Kimeru |
| KNK | Konkani |
| KNY | Kinyakyusa-Ngonde |
| KON | Kikongo |
| KOR | Korean |
| KPE | Kpelle |

| Code | Description |
|------|-----------------------------|
| KRI | Krio |
| KRU | Kru (any) |
| KSI | Kisii/Ekegusii (Kenya) |
| KSU | Kisukuma |
| KUR | Kurdish |
| KURA | Kurdish (any other) |
| KURM | Kurdish (Kurmanji) |
| KURS | Kurdish (Sorani) |
| LAO | Lao |
| LBA | Luba |
| LBAC | Luba (Chiluba/Tshiluba) |
| LBAK | Luba (Kiluba) |
| LGA | Luganda |
| LGB | Lugbara |
| LGS | Lugisu/Lumasaba |
| LIN | Lingala |
| LIT | Lithuanian |
| LNG | Lango (Uganda) |
| LOZ | Lozi/Silozi |
| LSO | Lusoga |
| LTV | Latvian |
| LTZ | Luxemburgish |
| LUE | Luvale/Luena |
| LUN | Lunda |
| LUO | Luo (Kenya/Tanzania) |
| LUY | Luhya (any) |
| MAG | Magahi |
| MAI | Maithili |
| MAK | Makua |
| MAN | Manding/Malinke |
| MANA | Manding/Malinke (any other) |
| MANB | Bambara |
| MANJ | Dyula/Jula |
| MAO | Maori |
| MAR | Marathi |
| MAS | Maasai |
| MDV | Maldivian/Dhivehi |
| MEN | Mende |
| MKD | Macedonian |
| MLG | Malagasy |
| MLM | Malayalam |
| MLT | Maltese |
| MLY | Malay/Indonesian |
| MLYA | Malay (any other) |
| MLYI | Indonesian/Bahasa Indonesia |

| Code | Description |
|------|------------------------------------|
| MNA | Magindanao-Maranao |
| MNG | Mongolian (Khalkha) |
| MNX | Manx Gaelic |
| MOR | Moore/Mossi |
| MSC | Mauritian/Seychelles Creole |
| MUN | Munda (any) |
| MYA | Maya (any) |
| NAH | Nahuatl/Mexicano |
| NAM | Nama/Damara |
| NBN | Nubian (any) |
| NDB | Ndebele |
| NDBS | Ndebele (South Africa) |
| NDBZ | Ndebele (Zimbabwe) |
| NEP | Nepali |
| NOR | Norwegian |
| NOT | Information not obtained* |
| NUE | Nuer/Naadh |
| NUP | Nupe |
| NWA | Newari |
| NZM | Nzema |
| OAM | Ambo/Oshiwambo |
| OAMK | Ambo (Kwanyama) |
| OAMN | Ambo (Ndonga) |
| OGN | Ogoni (any) |
| ORI | Oriya |
| ORM | Oromo |
| OTB | Believed to be other than English* |
| OTH | Other than English* |
| OTL | Other language |
| PAG | Pangasinan |
| PAM | Pampangan |
| PAT | Pashto/Pakhto |
| PHA | Pahari/Himachali (India) |
| PHR | Pahari (Pakistan) |
| PNJ | Panjabi |
| PNJA | Panjabi (any other) |
| PNJG | Panjabi (Gurmukhi) |
| PNJM | Panjabi (Mirpuri) |
| PNJP | Panjabi (Pothwari) |
| POL | Polish |
| POR | Portuguese |
| PORA | Portuguese (any other) |
| PORB | Portuguese (Brazil) |
| PRS | Persian/Farsi |
| PRSA | Farsi/Persian (any other) |

| Code | Description |
|------|--------------------------|
| PRSD | Dari Persian |
| PRST | Tajiki Persian |
| QUE | Quechua |
| RAJ | Rajasthani/Marwari |
| REF | Refused* |
| RME | Romany/English Romanes |
| RMI | Romani (International) |
| RMN | Romanian |
| RMNM | Romanian (Moldova) |
| RMNR | Romanian (Romania) |
| RMS | Romansch |
| RNY | Runyakitara |
| RNYN | Runyankore-Ruchiga |
| RNYO | Runyoro-Rutooro |
| RUS | Russian |
| SAM | Samoan |
| SCB | Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian |
| SCBB | Bosnian |
| SCBC | Croatian |
| SCBS | Serbian |
| SCO | Scots |
| SHL | Shilluk/Cholo |
| SHO | Shona |
| SID | Sidamo |
| SIO | Sign language (other) |
| SLO | Slovak |
| SLV | Slovenian |
| SND | Sindhi |
| SNG | Sango |
| SNH | Sinhala |
| SOM | Somali |
| SPA | Spanish |
| SRD | Sardinian |
| SRK | Siraiki |
| SSO | Sotho/Sesotho |
| SSOO | Sotho/Sesotho (Southern) |
| SSOT | Sotho/Sesotho (Northern) |
| SSW | Swazi/Siswati |
| STS | Tswana/Setswana |
| SUN | Sundanese |
| SWA | Swahili/Kiswahili |
| SWAA | Swahili (any other) |
| SWAC | Comorian Swahili |
| SWAK | Swahili (Kingwana) |
| SWAM | Swahili (Brava/Mwiini) |

| Code | Description |
|------|--------------------------------|
| SWAT | Swahili (Bajuni/Tikuu) |
| SWE | Swedish |
| TAM | Tamil |
| TEL | Telugu |
| TEM | Temne |
| TES | Teso/Ateso |
| TGE | Tigre |
| TGL | Tagalog/Filipino |
| TGLF | Filipino |
| TGLG | Tagalog |
| TGR | Tigrinya |
| THA | Thai |
| TIB | Tibetan |
| TIV | Tiv |
| TMZ | Berber/Tamazight |
| TMZA | Berber/Tamazight (any other) |
| TMZK | Berber/Tamazight (Kabyle) |
| TMZT | Berber (Tamashek) |
| TNG | Tonga/Chitonga (Zambia) |
| TON | Tongan (Oceania) |
| TPI | Tok Pisin |
| TRI | Traveller Irish/Shelta |
| TSO | Tsonga |
| TUK | Turkmen |
| TUL | Tulu |
| TUM | Tumbuka |
| TUR | Turkish |
| UKR | Ukrainian |
| UMB | Umbundu |
| URD | Urdu |
| URH | Urhobo-Isoko |
| UYG | Uyghur |
| UZB | Uzbek |
| VEN | Venda |
| VIE | Vietnamese |
| VSY | Visayan/Bisaya |
| VSYA | Visayan/Bisaya (any other) |
| VSYH | Hiligaynon |
| VSYS | Cebuano/Sugbuanon |
| VSYW | Waray/Binisaya |
| WAP | Wa-Paraok (South-East Asia) |
| WCP | West-African Creole Portuguese |
| WOL | Wolof |
| WPE | West-African Pidgin English |
| XHO | Xhosa |

| Code | Description |
|------|--------------------------|
| YAO | Yao/Chiyao (East Africa) |
| YDI | Yiddish |
| YOR | Yoruba |
| ZND | Zande |
| ZUL | Zulu |
| ZZZ | Classification pending |
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*Categories marked with an asterisk - Believed to be English, English, Information not obtained, believed to be other than English, Other than English and Refused - may be used by schools that have no need to use individual language codes.

Learner support code [Not for: Nursery schools, primary or middle-deemed primary]

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| 24 | Adult learning grant (not collected in school census) |
| 32 | Professional and career development loan (not collected in school census) |
| 35 | Programmed led apprenticeship hardship fund (not collected in school census) |
| 36 | Care to learn (not collected in school census) |
| 41 | Time off for study (not collected in school census) |
| 53 | Free childcare for training & learning for work (not collected in school census) |
| 54 | Adult education bursary (not collected in school census) |
| 55 | Vulnerable group bursary awarded (collected in school census) |
| 56 | Discretionary bursary awarded (collected in school census) |

Post looked after arrangements [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| N | Not declared |
| A | Ceased to be looked after through adoption |
| G | Ceased to be looked after through a special guardianship order (SGO) |
| R | Ceased to be looked after through a residence order (RO) |
| C | Ceased to be looked after through a child arrangements order (CAO) |

Pupil enrolment status [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| C | Current (single registration at this school) |
| G | Guest (pupil not registered at this school but attending some lessons or sessions) |
| M | Current main (dual registration) |
| S | Current subsidiary (dual registration) |
| F | FE college (PRU / AP only) |
| O | Other provider (PRU / AP only) |

Pupil boarder indicator [Not for: Nursery schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|---|
| B | Boarder - nights per week not specified |
| 6 | Boarder - six nights or fewer a week (Special schools only) |
| 7 | Boarder - seven nights a week (Special schools only) |
| N | Not a boarder |

National curriculum year group actual [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|--------|---|
| E1 | Early first year |
| E2 | Early second year |
| N1 | Nursery first year |
| N2 | Nursery second year |
| R | Reception |
| 1 – 14 | Years 1 to 14 |
| X | National curriculum not followed: Available for pupils who are not following the national curriculum through statutory disapplication processes |

*Not used for maximum or minimum year group but are used for class key stage

Pupil SEN provision [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| N | No special educational need |
| S | Statement - Please note: ONLY for use in exclusions in the 2018 autumn census and 2019 spring census |
| E | Education, Health and Care plan |
| K | SEN support |

Pupil SEN type [ALL schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| SPLD | Specific learning difficulty |
| MLD | Moderate learning difficulty |
| SLD | Severe learning difficulty |
| PMLD | Profound & multiple learning difficulty |
| SEMH | Social, emotional and mental health |
| SLCN | Speech, language and communication needs |
| HI | Hearing impairment |
| VI | Visual impairment |
| MSI | Multi-sensory impairment |
| PD | Physical disability |
| ASD | Autistic spectrum disorder |
| OTH | Other difficulty |
| NSA | SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need |

Pupil exclusion category [Not for: Nursery schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|--------------|
| FIXD | Fixed period |
| PERM | Permanent |
| LNCH | Lunchtime |

Pupil exclusion reason [Not for: Nursery schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|---|
| PP | Physical assault against a pupil |
| PA | Physical assault against an adult |
| VP | Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil |
| VA | Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult |
| BU | Bullying |
| RA | Racist abuse |
| SM | Sexual misconduct |
| DA | Drug and alcohol related |
| DM | Damage |
| TH | Theft |

| | |
|----|---------------------------------|
| DB | Persistent disruptive behaviour |
| OT | Other |

Pupil attendance codes [Not for: Nursery schools]

| Code | Description |
|------|---|
| / | Present (AM) (not collected in school census) |
| \ | Present (PM) (not collected in school census) |
| L | Late (before registers closed) marked as present (not collected in school census) |
| I | Authorised absence due to illness (NOT medical or dental appointments) |
| M | Authorised absence due to medical / dental appointments |
| R | Authorised absence due to religious observance |
| S | Authorised absence due to study leave |
| T | Authorised absence due to traveller absence |
| H | Authorised absence due to agreed family holiday |
| E | Authorised absence as pupil is excluded, with no alternative provision made |
| C | Authorised absence as pupil is absent due to other authorised circumstances |
| B | Approved education activity as pupil being educated off site (not dual registration) (not collected in school census) |
| D | Dual registered (at another establishment) - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census) |
| J | Approved education activity as pupil is attending interview (not collected in school census) |
| P | Approved education activity as pupil is attending an approved sporting activity (not collected in school census) |
| V | Approved education activity as pupil is away on an educational visit or trip (not collected in school census) |
| W | Approved education activity as pupil is attending work experience (not collected in school census) |
| G | Unauthorised absence as pupil is on a family holiday, not agreed, or is taking days in excess of an agreed family holiday |
| U | Unauthorised absence as pupil arrived after registers closed |
| O | Unauthorised absence as pupil missed sessions for an unauthorised absence not covered by any other code / description |
| N | Unauthorised absence as pupil missed sessions for a reason that has not yet been provided |
| X | Non-compulsory school age absence - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census) |
| Y | Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances - not counted in possible attendances |
| Z | Pupil not yet on roll - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census) |
| # | Planned whole or partial school closure - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census) |

Maths and English prior attainment year group

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| 1 | Learner achieved grade 9 to 4 at end of year 11 |
| 2 | Learner achieved grade 9 to 4 since the end of year 11 |
| 3 | Learner has not yet achieved grade 9 to 4 |

Please note: 9 to 4 should also be considered to cover any UK Equivalent or Overseas Equivalent qualifications. Where a pupil has such, the query is whether they achieved this prior to the end of year 11 or since the end of year 11.

Maths and English prior attainment codeset

| Code | Description |
|------|--------------|
| 9 | Grade 9 |
| 8 | Grade 8 |
| 7 | Grade 7 |
| 6 | Grade 6 |
| 5 | Grade 5 |
| 4 | Grade 4 |
| 3 | Grade 3 |
| 2 | Grade 2 |
| 1 | Grade 1 |
| U | Ungraded |
| NR | Not required |

Maths and English exemptions

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| L | The student has a learning disability which prevents them from studying the qualification |
| O | The student has a recognised overseas equivalent qualification |
| U | The student has met the GCSE condition of funding as they hold an approved equivalent UK qualification |
| N | The student has no exemptions |

Withdrawal reason

| Code | Description |
|------|--|
| 1 | Learner has transferred to another provider to undertake learning which meets a specific government strategy. This should only be used to identify learners who have transferred onto apprenticeship provision |
| 2 | Learner has transferred to another provider |
| 3 | Learner injury / illness |
| 4 | Financial reasons |
| 44 | Other personal reasons |
| 45 | Exclusion |
| 97 | Other |
| 98 | Reason not known |

Countries of UK

| Code | Description |
|------|------------------|
| ENG | England |
| NIR | Northern Ireland |
| SCT | Scotland |
| WLS | Wales/Cymru |

Minutes to decimal minutes

| Minutes | Decimal minutes |
|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | 0.02 |
| 2 | 0.03 |
| 3 | 0.05 |
| 4 | 0.07 |
| 5 | 0.08 |
| 6 | 0.10 |
| 7 | 0.12 |
| 8 | 0.13 |
| 9 | 0.15 |
| 10 | 0.17 |
| 11 | 0.18 |
| 12 | 0.20 |
| 13 | 0.22 |
| 14 | 0.23 |
| 15 | 0.25 |
| 16 | 0.27 |
| 17 | 0.28 |
| 18 | 0.30 |
| 19 | 0.32 |
| 20 | 0.33 |
| 21 | 0.35 |
| 22 | 0.37 |
| 23 | 0.38 |
| 24 | 0.40 |
| 25 | 0.42 |
| 26 | 0.43 |
| 27 | 0.45 |
| 28 | 0.47 |
| 29 | 0.48 |
| 30 | 0.50 |
| 31 | 0.52 |
| 32 | 0.53 |
| 33 | 0.55 |
| 34 | 0.57 |
| 35 | 0.58 |
| 36 | 0.60 |
| 37 | 0.62 |
| 38 | 0.63 |
| 39 | 0.65 |
| 40 | 0.67 |
| 41 | 0.68 |
| 42 | 0.70 |
| 43 | 0.72 |
| 44 | 0.73 |

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| 45 | 0.75 |
| 46 | 0.77 |
| 47 | 0.78 |
| 48 | 0.80 |
| 49 | 0.82 |
| 50 | 0.83 |
| 51 | 0.85 |
| 52 | 0.87 |
| 53 | 0.88 |
| 54 | 0.90 |
| 55 | 0.92 |
| 56 | 0.93 |
| 57 | 0.95 |
| 58 | 0.97 |
| 59 | 0.98 |

9. COLLECT reports

Pupil number report

This report provides a headcount of your pupils by NC year group, headcount of your pupils minus subsidiary registrations and the number of pupils that will be used in the dedicated schools grant calculation.

Duplicate UPN and duplicate pupil report

The duplicate UPN report will highlight any pupils appearing on your census and that of another school where there is an invalid combination of enrolment statuses. The duplicate pupil report will identify pupils whose personal details are the same but the UPN differs. Please refer to the guidance notes available on the school census page on gov.uk for further details.

Free school meals report (FSM)

The FSM report will allow schools to check the FSM eligibility data submitted in their census return. This report refers only to FSM eligibility reported in the current census collection and not the FSM ever measure used to allocate the pupil premium.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UiFSM)

This report will provide a breakdown of the infant pupils that will be used in the UiFSM funding calculation.

Zero funded hours

The zero funded hours report highlights the number of early years pupils who have 'zero' funded hours recorded on the school census return. Funded hours are used to calculate the early years block of the dedicated schools grant, therefore, it is important that schools check and verify this data.

Pupil premium

The pupil premium report is aimed specifically at the data collected via the school census and will allow schools to check and verify their data contained in their spring school census, which will feed into the deprivation, service child and post LAC elements of the pupil premium allocation. Guidance notes are available on the school census page on gov.uk.

Early years pupil premium

The early years pupil premium report is aimed specifically at the data collected via the school census and will allow you to check and verify the data contained in your spring school census which will feed into the early years pupil premium allocation.

In addition to the above reports, a suite of ESFA funding reports will be available in the autumn census. They will show schools how their data looks in relation to our post-16 funding calculations. Schools are strongly advised to use these reports to help quality assure census returns:

ESFA funded student summary report

This report shows students who are eligible for ESFA funding, according to the data returned in the census. The students are grouped according to their derived funding line type (their age, and whether they are high needs/have an education, health and care plan) and their funding band.

ESFA student detail report

This report shows all students who are recorded in the census, regardless of whether they qualify as a start (and therefore for ESFA funding) or not. An indicator then shows those students who do qualify for funding and those who do not. This is different to the ESFA funded student summary report, which only shows students who are valid starts and counted for funding.

ESFA 16-19 maths and English GCSE status by student

This report shows the maths and English GCSE status according to the condition of funding rules, for individual students.

Please refer to the ESFA 16-19 guidance notes available on the [school census](#) page on gov.uk

Annex A - Errata

| Version | Change history | Date |
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| 1.0 | <p>All dates rolled forward. All references to 'EduBase' amended to 'GIAS (Get Information About Schools)'</p> <p>1.2.2 Data protection and data sharing – amended – now includes information on GDPR</p> <p>1.2.2.1 Legal duties under the General Data Protection Regulation: privacy notices – amended – updated to reflect GDPR requirements</p> <p>1.2.2.2 Legal duties under that General Data Protection Regulation: data security – amended – general updates</p> <p>1.2.3.2 Data subject right of retraction – deleted – paragraph number re-used</p> <p>1.4.2 Existing data items:</p> <p>1.4.2.1 Special educational need – amended – code 'S' only valid for exclusions and only in the Autumn and Spring collections</p> <p>1.4.2.2 Service child indicator – amended – now collected each term</p> <p>1.4.2.3 Recording substantial work placements – added – this is an amendment to the qualification section adding new QNs</p> <p>1.4.3 Deleted items – added</p> <p>1.4.3.1 Proficiency in English – added</p> <p>1.4.3.2 Pupil nationality – added</p> <p>1.4.3.3 Country of birth – added</p> <p>2.8.1 COLLECT reports – added – guidance on reports available in COLLECT</p> <p>3.2.2 Pupil level – amended – following new data item amended or deleted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service children in education indicator – amended – now for each term | <p>Phil Dent, Kirsty Knox 28/06/2018</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency in English – deleted • Country of birth – deleted • Pupil nationality – deleted <p>4.6 Class information module – amended – the code within the table has been re-ordered</p> <p>5.3.1 Part-time indicator and funded free entitlement / extended free entitlement hours – added</p> <p>5.3.4 Proficiency in English – deleted – subsequent paragraphs re-numbered</p> <p>5.3.5 Country of birth – deleted – subsequent paragraphs re-numbered</p> <p>5.3.6 Pupil nationality – deleted – subsequent paragraphs re-numbered</p> <p>5.3.5.2 Eligibility for free school meals – amended – now referenced universal credit</p> <p>5.3.7 Youth support services agreements – amended – now references GDPR</p> <p>5.3.8 Service children in education indicator – amended – confirms that a reserve soldier acting in a full-time capacity is classified as regular service. Amended to reflect that this is now collected for each term and references to PRU / AP spring only and code ‘S’ have been deleted.</p> <p>5.3.15 – Early years pupil premium – amended – to reflect the change from ‘eligibility’ to ‘receipt’ of pupil premium – RFC 1018 refers</p> <p>5.5.1 Pupil SEN provision – amended – note included to remind that code ‘S’ is no longer valid (ONLY codes ‘E’ and ‘K’ are now valid)</p> <p>5.6.5 Permanent exclusions and school leaving date – added</p> <p>5.9 - Post-16 Learning Aims – amended – Included information relating to post 16 interactive tool</p> | |

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| | <p>5.9 (c) Re-sits and re-takes - added</p> <p>5.9.12 GCSE Maths and English condition of funding – amended – information on where a student has failed to sit an exam added</p> <p>5.9.18 Recording substantial work placements – added</p> <p>5.9.18.1 Funding requirements – added</p> <p>5.9.18.2 Recording substantial work placements – added</p> <p>8 - Codesets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency in English – deleted • Nation states – deleted <p>9 - COLLECT Reports – added</p> | |
| 1.1 | <p>3 Data Items required – amended - alternative provision deleted from pupil level</p> <p>5.5 Special educational needs module– updated – revised guidance surrounding when code S is required</p> <p>5.6.5 SEN provision at the time of the exclusion – added - subsequent paragraph re-numbered</p> <p>5.7.2 UPRN – amended – corrected UPRN from alphanumeric to integer</p> <p>5.9.1 Learning aims to be included – amended – date corrected from 2019 to 2018</p> | Kirsty Knox 23 July 2018 |
| 1.2 | <p>5.3.4.2 FSM data collected – amended – links updated</p> <p>5.9.1 Learning aims to be included – amended – date corrected</p> | Kirsty Knox 6 September 2018 |

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| 1.3 | 5.9.18 Recording substantial work placements – amended substantial work placements to industry placements and updated guidance | Kirsty Knox 12 September 2018 |
| 1.4 | 1.2.2 - Data protection and data sharing – updated to include the most up to date legislation and links 8 - Pupil level codeset – removed code M for use at pupil level (only applicable to class size module) | Kirsty Knox 25 September 2018 |



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