

School Census Spring 2016



Changes Compared to School Census Spring 2015

Dates

- **Census Date:** 21 January 2016
- **Attendance Collection:** 1 September 2015 - 31 December 2015
- **Exclusion Collection:** 6 April 2015 - 31 August 2015
- **FSM Eligibility Collection:** 2 October 2015 - 21 January 2016
- **Learner Support Collection:** 1 August 2015 - 21 January 2016

SEN

- Takes account of changes to the SIMS SEN area that provides a history of SEN Need rankings.

Childcare Provision

- This has moved to a permanent home in School Details and the Census has been adjusted to show the information.
- User is no longer allowed to enter information that is not needed for the Census.
- More detail is required by the DfE for Signposting, i.e. 'Yes, formal arrangements including transport', 'Yes, list of providers that pick up from school', 'No' and 'Not known'.
- Table on Childcare Provision has been added to the Early Years Detail Report.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) Eligibility

- 'Update Hours for Early Years' has been renamed to 'Update Early Years', so that the functionality for EYPP Eligibility can be added.
- EYPP Eligibility column added to the Update Early Years application so that one of the following can be added:
 - Not Eligible
 - Economic
 - Other
 - Economic and Other
 - Unknown
- In Care column add to the Update Early Years application, as this may be helpful when deciding on EYPP Eligibility.
- Table on Early Years has been added to the General Detail Report.

DfE Rules for EYPP (Early Years Pupil Premium) Eligibility

Children will be eligible for EYPP if they are receiving any hours of early education and:

1. Meet the **benefits related criteria** for Free School Meals (please note: meals delivered as part of the universal entitlement are not FSM)

The **benefits criteria** are where parents are in receipt of one of the following:

- income support (IS)
 - income based job seekers allowance (IBJSA)
 - an income-related employment and support allowance
 - support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - child tax credit (provided they aren't entitled to working tax credit) approved by HMRC
 - guarantee element of state pension credit
2. Are in the care of the local authority (England and Wales) or have left care (in England and Wales) through:
 - adoption
 - special guardianship
 - a child arrangement order

NB: 'Disability Living Allowance' for parents and 'EHCP' for the child **do not** come under the entitlement criteria.

DfE Rules for Inclusion of Early Years Provision

The following is an excerpt from version 2 of the DfE Business and Technical Specification for School Census 2015 to 2016. From a SIMS point of view this means that Early Years Pupils should **not** be admitted (on-roll) to a school that is obliged to provide the School Census if the whole of their provision is via a separate Ofsted registered PVI provider, even if this is on the school site.

(b) Which census should be used? [Spring census only]

Schools with onsite early years funded provision make their return via EITHER the school census OR the early years census, BUT NOT BOTH. This paragraph sets out which census is to be used to return data on children receiving funded early education:

- *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 s27 (governor run) provision should be either:*
 - *recorded via the school census if 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 if they are not registered pupils of the school*

Children may, of course, appear on the two different censuses if their free entitlement is split between two different settings. In which case, of course, the number of funded hours for each child across all provision is limited to 15 (or 25 if they are aged 4 at the start of the academic year and attending full-time).

School Level information in EduBase

Although the DfE is not dropping the collection of school addresses until the Autumn Census 2016, it would be a good idea for schools to ensure that what they give as the schools address in the Spring Census 2016 is in line with what is stated in [EduBase](#) and that this is the correct address. The following excerpt from the DfE's first LA bulletin for the Spring Census 2016 describes how the DfE will be reminding schools to check and update EduBase information as necessary.

3.2 EduBase

As part of the move to secure access, schools and academy users will be reminded to check their EduBase record on a periodic basis.

If they see a reminder displayed within secure access they should access EduBase and check their details are up to date.

After making any amendments they simply click 'Apply' then 'Confirm'; if their record is already accurate they simply click 'My establishment record is up to date'.

Keeping the EduBase record up to date helps the department to help schools in key areas including funding, data collection and departmental communications.