**Spring 2024 School Census bulletin number 1**

**(Extract from: Important Information From The Department For Education- Spring School Census 2024 – Readiness Bulletin Number 2)**

**Known issue**

An issue was identified with 2982q (relating to school time) whereby it contained the incorrect range in xslt (the correct range is 25-40 hours) and software suppliers may not have had time to implement the change required in time for going live. If there are any occurrences of this on loading to COLLECT they will be genuine and should be resolved.

**(Advice from Essex County Council first published in: Summer 2022 School Census bulletin number 1 on 4/5/22. Last update: 13/9/23)**

**Service Pupil Premium**

Schools are reminded of the following:

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

State schools, academies and free schools in England, which have children of service families in school years reception to year 11, can receive the SPP funding. It is designed to assist the school in providing the additional support that these children may need and is currently worth £335 per service child who meets the eligibility criteria.

The DFE guidance [Service Pupil Premium: what you need to know - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know) under Eligibility Criteria states that:

Children have to be flagged as service children ahead of the autumn school census deadline. Service parents need to make the school aware of their status by talking to the head teacher or school admin staff.

Schools may wish to incorporate a reminder to parents in any communications or questionnaires they are using to confirm to you their service status in order to be flagged and claim Service Pupil Premium.