**Summer 2024 School Census bulletin number 1**

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**Early Years data items**

Following the introduction of expanded hours entitlement for working families the Summer 2024 census will be the first time schools will be asked to submit this data.

Detailed below are the new data items and changes to existing data items:

• Expanded hours for 2 year olds (new data item) collected termly from Summer 2024

• Eligibility code (formerly known as thirty hour code) is being extended to 2 year olds with expanded hours greater than zero

• 2 year old basis for funding will be collected termly from Summer 2024

• Early Years Pupil Premium (including basis for funding) is being extended to 2 year olds and will be collected termly from Summer 2024

• DAF indicator is being extended to 2 year olds

**(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.