



## School and Pupil Census Autumn 2022 Census Checklist

### Before Census Day:

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| Before Census Day | <p><b>Check you can log into COLLECT using DfE Sign-In</b></p>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <p><b>Check your entry in GIAS</b></p>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <p><b>Check the pupils' basic details</b><br/>e.g.: name, date of birth, gender, enrolment status, year taught in, home address, eligibility for free school meals, first language, ethnicity, and service child indicator.</p>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <p><b>Check that leavers and re-admissions have all been recorded correctly</b><br/>Only those students on roll on census day should be included within your school's census return. If your census return contains a child who is submitted on another school's return and is verified as having attended there on census day, you will need to resubmit a corrected return later.</p>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <p><b>Check and correct student UPNs</b><br/>If a student has attended a previous school, please obtain the UPN from that school. Temporary UPNs should only be used as an interim measure and can flag up as an error on Duplicate UPN reports.</p>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <p><b>Check Free School Meals are correct</b><br/>Check free school meal eligibility information is fully recorded. For the 2022 Autumn school census, the following FSM eligibility information is collected:<br/><i>Any FSM eligibility which started on, or before, 6 October 2022 where the FSM end date is either not present or between 20 May 2022 and 6 October 2022 (inclusive)</i><br/>Please remember, any student who is eligible for FSM will remain eligible until the government completes the rollout of Universal Credit and from then until the point transitional protections expire. Therefore, <b>you should not record any FSM end dates</b> unless advised to do so by the local authority or the Department for Education.<br/><b>FSM for children in households with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)</b> - Previously the guidance was to not record these children on the census as FSM eligible but to keep a separate list. However, these children should now be recorded on the census in the same way as other children who are eligible for free school meals.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <p><b>School Lunches on Census Day</b><br/>Ensure you have, or can be provided with, a list of all individual students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who will be eating a school lunch on census day. This would include all children eating a school lunch irrespective of whether they take this under the universal infant free school meals scheme or under free school meal deprivation criteria.<br/>If a pupil is absent on census day, see which scenarios which qualify as an where you may need to record this information in a different way, so it doesn't affect your funding. Please note <b>that covid related absences are no longer classed as unusual circumstances</b>. Therefore if, for example, an infant pupil is absent on census day due to covid they should not be recorded as having taken a school lunch.</p>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <p><b>Early Years Funding:</b><br/>If applicable to your school please check hours at Setting, Funded Hours for 2, 3 and 4-year olds, Extended Childcare Hours, 30 Hour Code Indicator, Disability Access Fund, EYPP eligibility and basis for funding and 2-year-old eligibility and basis for funding. <b>Please ensure this is</b></p>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|  | <b>consistent with information recorded on the Early Years Portal.</b> If there is a difference, we may call you to confirm what was correct on census day.                |                          |
|  | <b>Exclusions/Suspensions Data</b><br>Check all suspensions and permanent exclusions with <b>start dates</b> between <b>01/01/2022</b> and <b>31/07/2022</b> are recorded. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | <b>Attendance Data</b><br>Check attendance data. Deal with any missing marks and investigate any 'N' codes.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | <b>Management Information System</b><br>Ensure you MIS software is up to date.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <b>Census Day</b> | <b>Upload to COLLECT via DfE Sign-in</b><br>Once you have had your return approved by your Head/ Data manager then:<br>Login to COLLECT via the DfE Sign-in <a href="https://services.signin.education.gov.uk/">https://services.signin.education.gov.uk/</a> and upload your xml file.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <b>Check for Errors and Queries</b><br>Open your return and check for errors and queries within COLLECT. To clear errors, amendments may need to be made within your management information system and a new file uploaded. Queries need checking and data may need amending within COLLECT along with an appropriate note. Please see notepad guidance notes for acceptable wording. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                   | <b>Submit your file</b><br>Once you've cleared all errors and attached all notes to queries within COLLECT you can submit your file. Please remember after clearing all errors and queries to press the 'Submit' button.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### After Census Day:

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| <b>After Census Day</b> | <b>Approval and Authorisation</b><br>If you are an LA Maintained School, NCC will check through your Census looking for additional errors. We may contact you if we have any questions regarding this. Once we are happy with your Census file, we will approve it and send it to the DfE to authorise. If there is a problem with the data, the DfE will not approve the file and we will be in touch. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                         | <b>Post Approval Checking</b><br>NCC will continue to run checks on the Census data and may still get in touch with you with queries even after the DfE have approved your file.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Further Guidance:

Further guidance produced by the DfE can be found here: [DfE Census Guidance for Schools](#)