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School Childcare Explained (For School Census Purposes)

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School Childcare

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 15 hours of free childcare per week (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 data items and the school must provide 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.

By providing this information in your Census Return it will in turn allow the DfE to understand the nature and provision of childcare and its availability across the school landscape.

Before School Childcare Service

By this, the DfE 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.

Questions to ask

Is there a regular before school childcare service on the site? Yes or No?

You should still enter YES even if the service does not operate on days when the school is unexpectedly closed such as snow days or strike action.

If Yes

- What time does it open?
- How many places? – *This is the maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide for.*
- Who provides the service?
 - The service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose).
 - School in partnership with another organisation. This could be another school, a private company or a voluntary organisation.
 - An organisation rents or leases space in the school, the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered.
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? Yes, No or Unknown

If No

- Is there a regular off-site service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards?
This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders).
 - Yes, the school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils including transport from their site to the school.
 - Yes, the school keeps a list of other local providers that will provide transport to the school to help parents.
 - No, the school has no arrangements for offsite provision.
 - Unknown, the school does not know of any provision arrangements.

After School Childcare Service

By this, the DfE mean a guaranteed, regular service provided on days when the school is open. This will provide a safe and secure place where children spend their 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.

This 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.

Questions to ask***Is there a regular after school childcare service on the site? Yes or No?***

You should still enter YES even if the service does not operate on days when the school is unexpectedly closed such as snow days or strike action.

If Yes

- What time does it close?
- How many places? – *This is the maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide for.*
- Who provides the service?
 - The service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose).
 - School in partnership with another organisation. This could be another school, a private company or a voluntary organisation.
 - An organisation rents or leases space in the school, the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered.
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? Yes, No or Unknown

If No

- Is there a regular off-site service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards?
This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders).
 - Yes, the school has a formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils including transport to the site.
 - Yes, the school keeps a list of other local providers that will pick up from the school to help parents.
 - No, the school has no arrangements for offsite provision.
 - Unknown, the school does not know of any provision arrangements.

Holiday Childcare Service

By this, the DfE mean a service that will be open for at least 8 hours a day and usually open Mon-Fri during school holiday periods. It may not cover all holiday periods but should provide a useful service to working parents.

Activities are not included that are only available for morning or afternoon sessions, such as football class or a language school. Although the service may be integrated with such offers.

If the offer only applies during the summer break, the DfE are aware that this may change, so please answer for your current arrangements or plans.

Questions to ask

Is there a holiday childcare service or scheme offered on the school site? Yes or No?

If Yes

- What time does it open?
- What time does it close?
- For how many weeks is the service open for? *The number of weeks the holiday childcare operates (if there is more than one scheme at the school, please enter the total number of weeks covered). The DfE have only requested 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 exception of Christmas week – you should enter 13.*
- How many places? – *This is the maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide for. This includes any under 5's during the holiday period.*
- Who provides the service?
 - The service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose).

- School in partnership with another organisation. This could be another school, a private company or a voluntary organisation.
- An organisation rents or leases space in the school, the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered.
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? Yes, No or Unknown

If No

- Is there a regular off-site service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards?
This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting or a private provider.
 - Yes, the school has a formal arrangement with another provider for them to provide childcare to your pupils.
 - Yes, the school keeps a list of other local providers.
 - No, the school has no arrangements for offsite provision.
 - Unknown, the school does not know of any provision arrangements.

Childcare for children aged between 0-4 years

By this, the DfE 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 schools hours or where children can only attend for a morning or afternoon session.

Please note: this 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 previous categories.

Questions to ask

Does the school have an on-site offer of regular childcare for children ages under 5 (between 0 and 4) for more than 9 hours a day? Yes or No?

If Yes

- What time does it open?
- What time does it close?
- For how many weeks is the service open for? *The number of weeks for which the service operates choosing between 1 and 38. Under provision in holiday periods is recorded under the holiday childcare service.*
- How many places? – *This is the maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide for.*

- Who provides the service?
 - The service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose).
 - School in partnership with another organisation. This could be another school, a private company or a voluntary organisation.
 - An organisation rents or leases space in the school, the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered.
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? Yes, No or Unknown

If No

- Is there a regular off-site service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? *This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting or a private provider.*
 - Yes, the school has a formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils including transport from their site to the school.
 - Yes, the school keeps a list of other local providers that will provide transport to the school to help parents.
 - No, the school has no arrangements for offsite provision.
 - Unknown, the school does not know of any provision arrangements.