

# Previously Looked After Children School Census

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# Previously Looked After Children School Census

## Who are the PLAC pupils?

For a pupil to be a Post/Previously Looked After child they will have been in care, and to have immediately moved to a new order of permanency through:

- Adoption
- Special Guardianship Order (SGO)
- Residency Order (RO) ceased 2014
- Child Arrangement Order (CAO)

PLAC PP 2022-23

£2530 per child

### **NEW last year**

DfE is asking for numbers of children adopted outside of England & Wales

*For a child to be recorded on the October census as 'O', parents will need to satisfy the school both that their child is adopted and that their child was previously in state care.*

*These PLAC children will now also receive PP*

[Pupil Premium Plus and Inter-Country Adoption: Is change coming? | Adoption UK Charity](#)



## Pupil Premium Guidance

- **1.1 Raising the educational attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities to help them reach their potential**

Previously looked-after children (PLAC): pupils who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order).

Schools should ensure PP grant is focused on effective approaches to raising the educational attainment of eligible pupils, schools must use their PP grant in line with the 'menu of approaches' set by the Department for Education (DfE).

- support high-quality teaching, such as staff professional development
- provide targeted academic support, such as tutoring
- tackle non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties with attendance, behaviour and social and emotional wellbeing

[Pupil premium: overview](#)

[Pupil premium: allocations 23-24](#)

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## Pupil Premium Guidance

### **2.2 Specific support for previously looked-after children (PLAC)**

- In order to achieve the purpose outlined in section 2.1 for PLAC, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that their use of PPG addresses the specific needs of PLAC attending the school.

[Pupil premium: overview](#)

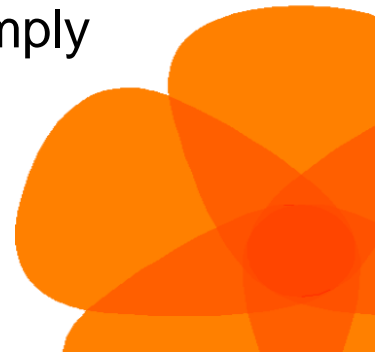
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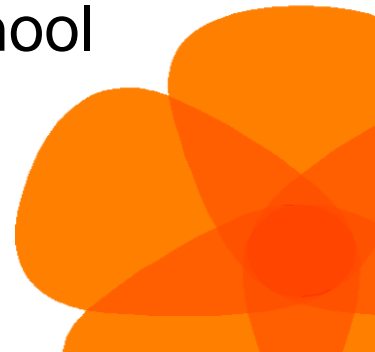
# How do I know if a child is PLAC

- It is for those with parental responsibility (adoptive parents, special guardians and carers of former looked after children on residence / child arrangements orders) to decide if they wish to self-declare their children's status to schools.
- Schools should ensure parents and carers are aware of this and that this information is collected to help ensure that the designated teacher for previously looked after children can support those children and the school can attract pupil premium funding to support this cohort.
- Parents are to provide supporting evidence, for example, a photocopy of the adoption order, and confirm that their child was previously in care in England or Wales.
- Parents should conceal sensitive information (for example the name of the birth parents).
- Schools are reminded that this is particularly sensitive data and of the ongoing need for confidentiality. Schools should ensure that, as for other pupil level data items, they comply with their responsibilities with respect to GDPR when processing this data.
- [Complete the school census - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-the-school-census)



# How do I know if a child is PLAC

- Not all parents/guardians will want to declare their child as PLAC
- There are still some children who may not have been told that they are adopted – this is rare
- This is highly confidential information
- Schools may wish to consider offering a general invitation to parents/guardians to self declare in a confidential manner via their school newsletter asking them to get in touch with the DT etc.



# School Census Codes

## Post looked after arrangements

PLAA codes in your data system and used on COLLECT when submitting school census return.

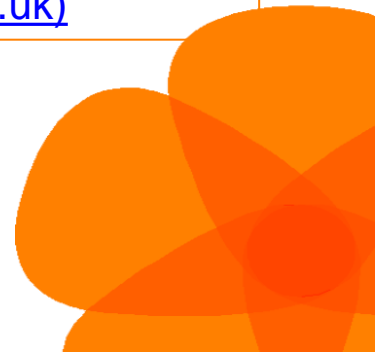
Code	Description
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<b>N</b>	Not declared
<b>A</b>	Not looked after - adoption from England and Wales
<b>G</b>	Not looked after - special guardianship order (SGO) from England and Wales
<b>R</b>	Not looked after - residence order (RO) from England and Wales. Residence orders were replaced by child arrangements orders in April 2014.
<b>C</b>	Not looked after - child arrangements order (CAO) from England and Wales
<b>O</b>	Not looked after – adopted from state care outside of England and Wales

Your School MIS system may differ, please talk with your schools Data Lead, who will know about coding / categorising pupils.

Your School data system will have a function to generate the management information for the Census. This will feed into the COLLECT system.

[Producing the School Census Autumn 2022 Return \(English Secondary/ Middle deemed Secondary Schools\) \(schoolbusinessservices.co.uk\)](https://www.schoolbusinessservices.co.uk)





# How to check your Census

- If schools want to check how many pupil premium pupils their submitted files contain - then they should run a COLLECT Funding Report. These are only available after you have uploaded your census normally after 24hrs, and whilst the blade is still open to COLLECT.
- This can be found on the 'What can I do with my data return' page of the COLLECT website. The page where schools Uploaded and submitted their return.
- The COLLECT funding reports will contain a summary of the numbers of pupils reported on the 2022 school census in **pupil referral units (PRUs)**, **alternative provision academies** and **free schools** with either:
  - a period of FSM eligibility since the previous census
  - recorded as a service child on census day
  - recorded with an adopted from care value of either:
    - code A: ceased to be looked after through adoption
    - code G: ceased to be looked after through a special guardianship order (SGO)
    - code R: ceased to be looked after through a residence order (RO)
    - code C: ceased to be looked after through a child arrangement order (CAO)
    - code O: adopted from state care outside of England



# How to check your Census

- The funding reports should update daily and take into account the duplicates report. It reflects the position from COLLECT as at close the previous working day.
- To calculate the numbers of pupils eligible for pupil premium, the DfE look at pupils you have recorded on the school census as:
  - service children
  - eligible for free school meals
  - adopted from care or leaving care under a special guardianship order, a residence order or a child arrangement order
- Funding pupil numbers will be calculated on the same basis as those for the dedicated schools grant. The duplicate report will also be taken into account (funding for unresolved duplicate UPNs will be halved).

Please note: The reports show numbers and not pupil details



# What happens if there is an error?

- **If a school incorrectly claims for a pupil** - they should contact the DfE via this form. Please do not include any pupil details. Just confirm you have claimed for more pupils than were eligible. The DfE will contact you directly for more information - to allow them to amend their main database.
- This applies to any Pupil Premium pupils - not just PLAC
- [Data collections service request form - Details about your request - DfE Online Forms \(education.gov.uk\)](#)



# Education Plans for PLAC Children

## Education Plan for Adopted Children (EPAC)

- [EPAC Guidance Notes Key Stage 1,2,3 and 4](#) PDF
- [EPAC for Key Stage 1 and 2](#) WORD
- [EPAC for Key Stage 3 and 4](#) WORD

## EPAC for children with an EHCP

- [EHCP EPAC Guidance Notes Key Stage 1,2,3 and 4](#) PDF
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- [EHCP EPAC for Keys Stage 3 and 4](#) WORD

## Education Plans for children who have a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), Residency Order (RO), or Child Arrangement Order (CAO)

- [Education Plan for SGO/RO/CAO Guidance Notes Key Stage 1,2,3 and 4](#) PDF
- [Education Plan for SGO/RO/CAO for Key Stage 1 and 2](#) WORD
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[PLAC Education Plans  
\(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)



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- [Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
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