

# Schools Data Team

## Additional Notes – Childcare

This dataset is mandatory.

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 eight data items and the school **must** provide an answer to whether there is on-site provision (and any subsequent information) and whether the school signposted off-site provision for each of the **4** types of childcare.

A school may also signpost / promote off-site childcare whilst providing on-site childcare. In such an instance, this element would record the information required under both the 'YES' and 'NO' options below.

The **minimum** return from a school which **does not** provide on-site childcare and **also does not** signpost off-site provision would be: for each type of childcare a 'NO' for on-site and an 'N' for signposting.

Each of the items collected are aimed to capture 4 scenarios:

- a. Before School Childcare Service
- b. After School Childcare Service
- c. Holiday Childcare Service
- d. Childcare for Children aged between 0 – 4 years

### a. Before School Childcare Service

Is there a regular before school childcare service on the school site? (YES / NO)

If YES:

- What time does it open?
- How many places?
- Who provides the service?
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? (YES / NO / UNKNOWN)

If NO:

- Is there a regular off-site service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? (YF / YL / N / U)

Where:

- YF = Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site.
- YL = Yes, we keep a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents.
- N = No
- U = Not known

**Please note:** A school may also signpost / promote off-site childcare whilst providing on-site childcare. In such an instance, this element would record both 'YES' and 'NO' information.

Before School Childcare Service - Definitions and notes		
1	Before school childcare service	The Before School Childcare Service must be 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 open 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.
2	Exceptions	You should still enter 'YES', even if the service does not operate on days when the school was unexpectedly closed such as snow days or due to strike action.
3	Places	The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (i.e. childcare capacity)
4	Who provides the service	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school – service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose) ['SCH' code]</li> <li>• school in partnership with another organisation – this could be another school, a private company or voluntary organisations ['SIP' code]</li> <li>• organisation rents or leases space in the school – the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered ['OTH' code]</li> </ul>
5	Off-site service	This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders). Signposting (or promoting) the service can be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport from their site to the school ['YF' code]</li> <li>• school keeps a list of other local providers that will provide transport to our school to help parents ['YL' code]</li> <li>• school has no arrangements for off-site provision ['N' code]</li> <li>• school does not know of any off-site provision arrangements ['U' code]</li> </ul>

## b. After School Childcare Service

Is there a regular after school childcare service<sup>1</sup> on the school site? (YES / NO)

If YES:

- What time does it close?
- How many places?
- Who provides the service?
- Is it open to children from other schools (with transfer included)? (YES / NO / UNKNOWN)

If NO:

- Is there a regular off-site service that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? (YF / YL / N / U)

Where:

- YF = Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site.
- YL = Yes, we keep a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents.
- N = No
- U = Not known

**Please note:** A school may also signpost / promote off-site childcare whilst providing on-site childcare. In such an instance, this element would record both 'YES' and 'NO' information.

After School Childcare Services - Definitions and notes		
1	After school childcare service	The After School Childcare Service must be a guaranteed, regular service provided on days when the school is open. This will provide a safe and secure place where children spend 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.
2	Exceptions	You should still enter 'YES', even if the service does not operate on days when the school was unexpectedly closed such as snow days or due to strike action.
3	Places	The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (i.e. childcare capacity)
4	Who provides the service	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school – service is delivered directly by the school by members of staff (even if hired specifically for this purpose) ['SCH' code]</li> <li>• school in partnership with another organisation – this could be another school, a private company or voluntary organisations ['SIP' code]</li> <li>• organisation rents or leases space in the school – the school has no other involvement in how the service is run or delivered ['OTH' code]</li> </ul>
5	Off-site service	This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders). Signposting (or promoting) the service can be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site ['YF' code]</li> <li>• school keeps a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents ['YL' code]</li> <li>• school has not arrangement for off-site provision ['N' code]</li> <li>• school does not know of any off-site provision arrangements ['U' code]</li> </ul>

### c. Holiday Childcare Service

Is there a holiday childcare service or scheme offered on the school site? (YES / NO)

If YES:

- What time does it open?
- What time does it close?
- For how many weeks is the service open?
- How many places?
- Who provides the service?
- Is it open to children from other schools? (YES / NO / UNKNOWN)

If NO:

- Is there an off-site service or scheme that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? (YF / YL / N / U)

Where:

- YF = Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site.
- YL = Yes, we keep a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents.
- N = No
- U = Not known

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Holiday Childcare Service - Definitions and notes		
1	Holiday childcare service or scheme	The Holiday childcare service or scheme is a service that will be open for at least 8 hours a day and usually open Monday-Friday during school holiday periods. It may not cover all holiday periods but should provide a useful service to working parents. If the offer only applies during the summer break, this may change, so please answer for your current arrangements of plans.
2	Opening weeks for the service	Schools have to be open for 38 weeks. Please enter the number of weeks the holiday childcare operates for (if there is more than one such scheme at your school, please enter the total number of weeks covered). Please provide the number of weeks as schools can have different term patterns. If the service operates for 6 week of the summer holiday, but not at Christmas and Easter – you should enter 6. If it covers all holiday periods, with the exception of Christmas week, you should enter 13.
3	Places	The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (i.e. childcare capacity)
4	Off-site service	This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders). Signposting (or promoting) the service can be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site ['YF' code]</li> <li>• school keeps a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents ['YL' code]</li> <li>• school has not arrangement for off-site provision ['N' code]</li> <li>• school does not know of any off-site provision arrangements ['U' code]</li> </ul>

#### d. Childcare for Children aged between 0-4 years

Please note: this element is for 'nursery' (or pre-school) children. Children who are in the 'Reception Class' would not be included here – they would be included in one of the categories above.

Does the school have an on-site offer of regular childcare<sup>1</sup> for children aged under 5 (i.e. between 0 and 4) for more than 9 hours/day (YES / NO)

If YES:

- What time does it open?
- What time does it close?
- For how many weeks is it open?
- How many places?
- Who provides the service?

If NO:

- Is there an off-site service or scheme that the school promotes or signposts parents towards? (YF / YL / N / U)

Where:

- YF = Yes, we have formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site.
- YL = Yes, we keep a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents.
- N = No
- U = Not known

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Childcare for Children aged between 0 – 4 years - Definitions and notes		
1	Childcare for children aged under 5	Childcare for children under 5 is a serviced provision that parents can use for at least 9 hours a day if they choose to. Please do not include provision which is only available during school hours or where children can only attend for a morning or afternoon session.
2	Opening weeks for the service	Please enter the number of weeks for which the service operates choosing between 1-38. Under 5 provision in holiday time is recorded under holiday childcare service.
3	Places	The maximum number of children that the service can simultaneously provide before school childcare for (i.e. childcare capacity)
4	Off-site service	This may include a service provided by another school, a voluntary setting, a private provider (which could include childminders). Signposting (or promoting) the service can be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school has formal arrangements with another provider for them to provide childcare to our pupils, including transport to the site ['YF' code]</li> <li>• school keeps a list of other local providers that will pick up from our school to help parents ['YL' code]</li> <li>• school has not arrangement for off-site provision ['N' code]</li> <li>• school does not know of any off-site provision arrangements ['U' code]</li> </ul>

The answers to these queries will allow the DfE to understand the nature and provision of childcare and its availability across the school landscape.

A **flow diagram** of the above scenarios is provided for clarity.

