

Information about Language Codes

Language code is **compulsory** for all pupils/students including pupils/students' no longer on roll.

A first language, where it is other than English, is recorded where a child was exposed to the language during early development and continues to be exposed to this language in the home or in the community.

Where a child was exposed to more than one language (which may include English) during early development, the language other than English is recorded, irrespective of the child's proficiency in English. Where an older pupil/student is no longer exposed to the first language in the home, and who now uses only another language, the school should consult with the pupil/student or parent to determine which language is recorded.

The full set of codes can be found as part of this additional guidance.

Please Note - *Categories marked with an asterisk - Believed to be English, English, Information not obtained, believed to be other than English, Other than English and Refused - may be used by schools that have no need to use individual language codes.

Code	Description
ACL	Acholi
ADA	Adangme
AFA	Afar-Saho
AFK	Afrikaans
AKA	Akan/Twi-Fante
AKAF	Akan (Fante)
AKAT	Akan (Twi/Asante)
ALB	Albanian/Shqip
ALU	Alur
AMR	Amharic
ARA	Arabic
ARAA	Arabic (any other)
ARAG	Arabic (Algeria)
ARAI	Arabic (Iraq)
ARAM	Arabic (Morocco)
ARAS	Arabic (Sudan)
ARRAY	Arabic (Yemen)
ARM	Armenian
ASM	Assamese
ASR	Assyrian/Aramaic
AYB	Anyi-Baule
AYM	Aymara
AZE	Azeri
BAI	Bamileke (any)
BAL	Balochi
BEJ	Beja/Bedawi
BEL	Belarusian
BEM	Bemba
BHO	Bhojpuri
BIK	Bikol
BLT	Balti Tibetan
BMA	Burmese/Myanma
BNG	Bengali
BNGA	Bengali (any other)
BNGC	Bengali (Chittagong/Noakhali)
BNGS	Bengali (Sylheti)
BSL	British Sign Language
BSQ	Basque/Euskara
BUL	Bulgarian
CAM	Cambodian/Khmer
CAT	Catalan
CCE	Caribbean Creole English
CCF	Caribbean Creole French
CGA	Chaga

Code	Description
CGR	Chattisgarhi/Khatahi
CHE	Chechen
CHI	Chinese
CHIA	Chinese (any other)
CHIC	Chinese (Cantonese)
CHIH	Chinese (Hokkien/Fujianese)
CHIK	Chinese (Hakka)
CHIM	Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua)
CKW	Chokwe
CRN	Cornish
CTR	Chitralli/Khowar
CWA	Chichewa/Nyanja
CYM	Welsh/Cymraeg
CZE	Czech
DAN	Danish
DGA	Dagaare
DGB	Dagbane
DIN	Dinka/Jieng
DUT	Dutch/Flemish
DZO	Dzongkha/Bhutanese
EBI	Ebira
EDO	Edo/Bini
EFI	Efik-Ibibio
ENB	Believed to be English*
ENG	English*
ESA	Esan/Ishan
EST	Estonian
EWE	Ewe
EWO	Ewondo
FAN	Fang
FIJ	Fijian
FIN	Finnish
FON	Fon
FRN	French
FUL	Fula/Fulfulde-Pulaar
GAA	Ga
GAE	Gaelic/Irish
GAL	Gaelic (Scotland)
GEO	Georgian
GER	German
GGO	Gogo/Chigogo
GKY	Kikuyu/Gikuyu
GLG	Galician/Galego
GRE	Greek

Code	Description
GREA	Greek (any other)
GREC	Greek (Cyprus)
GRN	Guarani
GUJ	Gujarati
GUN	Gurenne/Frafra
GUR	Gurma
HAU	Hausa
HDK	Hindko
HEB	Hebrew
HER	Herero
HGR	Hungarian
HIN	Hindi
IBA	Iban
IDM	Idoma
IGA	Igala
IGB	Igbo
IJO	Ijo (any)
ILO	Ilokano
ISK	Itsekiri
ISL	Icelandic
ITA	Italian
ITAA	Italian (any other)
ITAN	Italian (Napoletan)
ITAS	Italian (Sicilian)
JAV	Javanese
JIN	Jinghpaw/Kachin
JPN	Japanese
KAM	Kikamba
KAN	Kannada
KAR	Karen (any)
KAS	Kashmiri
KAU	Kanuri
KAZ	Kazakh
KCH	Katchi
KGZ	Kirghiz/Kyrgyz
KHA	Khasi
KHY	Kihaya/Luziba
KIN	Kinyarwanda
KIR	Kirundi
KIS	Kisi (West Africa)
KLN	Kalenjin
KMB	Kimbundu
KME	Kimeru
KNK	Konkani
KNY	Kinyakyusa-Ngonde

Code	Description
KON	Kikongo
KOR	Korean
KPE	Kpelle
KRI	Krio
KRU	Kru (any)
KSI	Kisii/Ekegusii (Kenya)
KSU	Kisukuma
KUR	Kurdish
KURA	Kurdish (any other)
KURM	Kurdish (Kurmanji)
KURS	Kurdish (Sorani)
LAO	Lao
LBA	Luba
LBAC	Luba (Chiluba/Tshiluba)
LBAK	Luba (Kiluba)
LGA	Luganda
LGB	Lugbara
LGS	Lugisu/Lumasaba
LIN	Lingala
LIT	Lithuanian
LNG	Lango (Uganda)
LOZ	Lozi/Silozi
LSO	Lusoga
LTV	Latvian
LTZ	Luxemburgish
LUE	Luvale/Luena
LUN	Lunda
LUO	Luo (Kenya/Tanzania)
LUY	Luhya (any)
MAG	Magahi
MAI	Maithili
MAK	Makua
MAN	Manding/Malinke
MANA	Manding/Malinke (any other)
MANB	Bambara
MANJ	Dyula/Jula
MAO	Maori
MAR	Marathi
MAS	Maasai
MDV	Maldivian/Dhivehi
MEN	Mende
MKD	Macedonian
MLG	Malagasy
MLM	Malayalam
MLT	Maltese

Code	Description
MLY	Malay/Indonesian
MLYA	Malay (any other)
MLYI	Indonesian/Bahasa Indonesia
MNA	Magindanao-Maranao
MNG	Mongolian (Khalkha)
MNX	Manx Gaelic
MOR	Moore/Mossi
MSC	Mauritian/Seychelles Creole
MUN	Munda (any)
MYA	Maya (any)
NAH	Nahuatl/Mexicano
NAM	Nama/Damara
NBN	Nubian (any)
NDB	Ndebele
NDBS	Ndebele (South Africa)
NDBZ	Ndebele (Zimbabwe)
NEP	Nepali
NOR	Norwegian
NOT	Information not obtained*
NUE	Nuer/Naadh
NUP	Nupe
NWA	Newari
NZM	Nzema
OAM	Ambo/Oshiwambo
OAMK	Ambo (Kwanyama)
OAMN	Ambo (Ndonga)
OGN	Ogoni (any)
ORI	Oriya
ORM	Oromo
OTB	Believed to be other than English*
OTH	Other than English*
OTL	Other language
PAG	Pangasinan
PAM	Pampangan
PAT	Pashto/Pakhto
PHA	Pahari/Himachali (India)
PHR	Pahari (Pakistan)
PNJ	Panjabi
PNJA	Panjabi (any other)
PNJG	Panjabi (Gurmukhi)
PNJM	Panjabi (Mirpuri)
PNJP	Panjabi (Pothwari)
POL	Polish
POR	Portuguese
PORA	Portuguese (any other)

Code	Description
PORB	Portuguese (Brazil)
PRS	Persian/Farsi
PRSA	Farsi/Persian (any other)
PRSD	Dari Persian
PRST	Tajiki Persian
QUE	Quechua
RAJ	Rajasthani/Marwari
REF	Refused*
RME	Romany/English Romanes
RMI	Romani (International)
RMN	Romanian
RMNM	Romanian (Moldova)
RMNR	Romanian (Romania)
RMS	Romansch
RNY	Runyakitara
RNYN	Runyankore-Ruchiga
RNYO	Runyoro-Rutooro
RUS	Russian
SAM	Samoan
SCB	Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian
SCBB	Bosnian
SCBC	Croatian
SCBS	Serbian
SCO	Scots
SHL	Shilluk/Cholo
SHO	Shona
SID	Sidamo
SIO	Sign language (other)
SLO	Slovak
SLV	Slovenian
SND	Sindhi
SNG	Sango
SNH	Sinhala
SOM	Somali
SPA	Spanish
SRD	Sardinian
SRK	Siraiki
SSO	Sotho/Sesotho
SSOO	Sotho/Sesotho (Southern)
SSOT	Sotho/Sesotho (Northern)
SSW	Swazi/Siswati
STS	Tswana/Setswana
SUN	Sundanese
SWA	Swahili/Kiswahili
SWAA	Swahili (any other)

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SWAC	Comorian Swahili
SWAK	Swahili (Kingwana)
SWAM	Swahili (Brava/Mwiini)
SWAT	Swahili (Bajuni/Tikuu)
SWE	Swedish
TAM	Tamil
TEL	Telugu
TEM	Temne
TES	Teso/Ateso
TGE	Tigre
TGL	Tagalog/Filipino
TGLF	Filipino
TGLG	Tagalog
TGR	Tigrinya
THA	Thai
TIB	Tibetan
TIV	Tiv
TMZ	Berber/Tamazight
TMZA	Berber/Tamazight (any other)
TMZK	Berber/Tamazight (Kabyle)
TMZT	Berber (Tamashek)
TNG	Tonga/Chitonga (Zambia)
TON	Tongan (Oceania)
TPI	Tok Pisin
TRI	Traveller Irish/Shelta
TSO	Tsonga
TUK	Turkmen
TUL	Tulu
TUM	Tumbuka
TUR	Turkish
UKR	Ukrainian
UMB	Umbundu
URD	Urdu
URH	Urhobo-Isoko
UYG	Uyghur
UZB	Uzbek
VEN	Venda
VIE	Vietnamese
VSY	Visayan/Bisaya
VSYA	Visayan/Bisaya (any other)
VSYH	Hiligaynon
VSYS	Cebuano/Sugbuanon
VSYW	Waray/Binisaya
WAP	Wa-Paraok (South-East Asia)
WCP	West-African Creole Portuguese

Code	Description
WOL	Wolof
WPE	West-African Pidgin English
XHO	Xhosa
YAO	Yao/Chiyao (East Africa)
YDI	Yiddish
YOR	Yoruba
ZND	Zande
ZUL	Zulu
ZZZ	Classification pending