

## School Census and Young Carers - FAQs January 2023

Question	Answer
What code should be used if the young carer was identified prior to attending that school (e.g. if identified by their primary school)?	Where identification is shared between schools use of code 'S' would be most appropriate.
What code should be used if identified by an external organisation (e.g. local authority)?	Where an external organisation notifies a school or educational setting directly code 'S' would be most appropriate.
Will schools need to evidence how they decided which code to use for their pupils?	The young carers indicator for the school census is a quantitative, anonymised collection and evidence is not required to be submitted. Schools and educational settings should be mindful of their own internal policies for record management and reporting.
Is the young person (and/or) parent's consent needed to identify them as young carers in the census?	Schools do not need to obtain parental or pupil consent to the provision of information for the purposes of the census but should respect the wishes and feelings of both young people and their parents.
When will census data be available locally?	Data will be collected in January (Spring school census) and is set to be published in August via <a href="#">Explore Education Statistics</a> – including regional and local breakdowns.
What should a school do if a young person identifies as a young carer, but the parent doesn't see them as one?	The recording and handling of this information would be at the school's discretion. If the school has identified pupils as young carers, then they should use code S to include them in the school census. Schools do not need to obtain parental or pupil consent to the provision of information for the purposes of the census but should respect the wishes and feelings of both young people and their parents.