



## **Accessing Accurate Funding for your EAL Pupils through the October Census**

A blog by Catherine Brennan (Better Bilingual Director) written for DiverseEd in Oct 2022 (with updated links for 2024-25 below):

<https://www.diverseeducators.co.uk/accessing-accurate-funding-for-your-eal-pupils-through-the-october-census/>

### **Schools Census 2024-25:**

**NB** 'First language other than English' = EAL

#### *4.3.2.2 Language code [ALL schools]*

*The language code (N00015) is collected for all pupils, including pupils no longer on roll. This information enables those schools and authorities who wish to do so, to collect and transmit information on the specific languages of those pupils whose first language is other than English. In these instances, an extended language code set will be available as an alternative to recording a pupil's language as 'OTH' or 'OTB'. The census includes the value held within the school MIS, whether the school has opted to use extended codes or to use 'OTH' / 'OTB'. School MIS systems should also hold more than one specific language where this is required locally. In this case, the MIS will include the language marked as 'First' by the CBDS item language type (N00015). Where the parent / guardian or pupil have declined to provide a first language, code 'REF' (declined to provide) must be used.*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6602a75b65ca2fa78e7da855/2024\\_2025\\_school\\_census\\_business\\_and\\_technical\\_specification\\_v\\_1.0.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6602a75b65ca2fa78e7da855/2024_2025_school_census_business_and_technical_specification_v_1.0.pdf)

### **National Funding Formula 2024-25:**

#### *p.23 English as an additional language*

*The pupils eligible to attract funding through the NFF English as an additional language (EAL) factor are those recorded as having entered state education in England during the last three years, and whose first language is not English. 1.1% of the NFF is allocated through the EAL factor. Schools attract £590 for all EAL-eligible primary pupils, and £1,585 for all EAL-eligible secondary pupils.*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/651d2587bef21800156ded01/National\\_funding\\_formula\\_for\\_schools\\_and\\_high\\_needs\\_2024\\_to\\_2025.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/651d2587bef21800156ded01/National_funding_formula_for_schools_and_high_needs_2024_to_2025.pdf)

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