

Early Years Census & Returns – School Forum 25th November 2021

All local authorities are eligible for top-up funding for any of the government’s 2, 3 and 4-year old early years entitlements if the take up of any of those entitlements, at the time of the January 2021 census, are lower than 85% of their January 2020 census in childcare attendance hours, and this take-up has then increased over the course of the term. The ESFA provided Local Areas with the figures equivalent to 85% of January 2020. Below is the Torbay information:

LA		3-4 year old Universal hours		3-4 year old Extended hours		2 year old entitlement	
LA number	LA name	Jan 2020 PTEs	85% of Jan 2020 PTEs	Jan 2020 PTEs	85% of Jan 2020 PTEs	Jan 2020 PTEs	85% of Jan 2020 PTEs
880	Torbay	1,677	1,425	618	525	361	307

This is the data comparison:

	3-4 year old Universal hours	3-4 year old Extended hours	2 year old entitlement
January 2020 (85%)	1,425	525	307
January 2021	1597.3	621.64	293.22
Difference	↑ 172.3	↑ 96.64	↓ 13.78

Torbay Council is therefore not going to be eligible for any top up funding for the 3 and 4 year old entitlements but is likely to be eligible for some additional 2 year funding on the basis of the summer or autumn term counts. The summer term count was submitted in July 2021 and the autumn term count will be submitted once approval from the S151 Officer is received.

More information regarding the termly data is below:

	2 year old entitlement
January 2020 (85%)	307
January 2021	293.22
Difference	↓ 13.78
Summer 2021	330
Difference	↑ 36.78
Autumn 2021	369
Difference	↑ 39

The LA should receive top up funding to 85% of the January 2020 census, with 307 PTE being the maximum funding payable. The budget will therefore be based on the following figures:

Budget				
		2YO	3YO U	3YO ex
2020	9/12	270.50	1257.38	463.28
2021	3/12	76.75*	399.325	155.41
		347.25	1656.70	618.69

* based on 3/12 of 307 PTE, accounting for the expected top up

These are the financial implications:

	Current PTE	New PTE	Adjustment PTE	Adjustment £	Per child rate
2YO	360.66	347.25	-13.42	-£40,373.78	£3,009.60
3YO U	1676.5	1656.70	-19.80	-£49,432.68	£2,496.60
3YO ex	617.71	618.69	0.98	£2,452.91	£2,496.60
				-£87,353.55	

The estimated adjustment is therefore £87k. The top up for 2 year olds (if received) had an impact of reducing the clawback by £10k (without this top up the clawback would have been £97k).

These are estimations only.