

Bury Council

Department for Children and Young People

National Funding Formula – Reception Uplift

For information.

For 2023-24, local authorities can still choose to increase the pupil number count for schools with higher reception pupil numbers in the January 2022 census, rather than the October 2021 census. However, this flexibility will be removed as we move towards the direct National Funding Formula.

Bury has continued to apply the Reception Uplift and a number of schools benefitted from this in 2023-24:

No. Pupils at each school	No. Schools	Total Pupils
1	6	6
2	4	8
3	1	3
4	1	4
	12	21

As part of the move towards a direct funding formula, the Department for Education are currently consulting on removing the flexibility of applying the Reception Uplift from April 2025.

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