

Sheffield's Auto Award Process

June 2024



Summary



- Introduction of the Auto Award Process in 2016
- Families are identified that have claimed Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support but have not applied for FSM
- They are then contacted to ensure that they are claiming everything they are entitled to
- Undertaken annually in Aug/Sept (School Census)





Since 2016:

Additional number of children eligible for FSM: 5,603

Additional Pupil Premium funding available to schools: Approx £4million (Does not include the cumulative, year on year effect of Ever 6. It is estimated that the real total is over £10m.)

Linked data processes



- •Applies online for Two Year Old funding, consents to data being reused to check for Early Years Pupil premium at appropriate time
- •Data to be reused is Parental Name, DOB, NI number

Age 3-4 EYPP

•Either:

- New application for Early Years Pupil Premium from setting via headcount census parents give consent to data being reused to check for FSM at appropriate time Data to be reused is Parental Name, DOB, NI number
- Or automatic reuse of data collected at age 2 provided consent has not been withdrawn to use it.

Age 4-5

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- Automatic reuse of data provided as part of TYOF/EYPP process provided consent has not been withdrawn to use it.
- •Or Data and consent collected during the online application for a primary school place

Age 11 econdary Entry

•Data and consent collected during the online application for a secondary school place

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- •Write to parents with children age 2-19 on matching housing/council tax support benefits with similar eligibility criteria to FSM to advise that in order to ensure they are claiming everything they are entitled to we will use their name, DOB and NI number from their Housing application to make an application on behalf of their child for FSM.
- •3 weeks to opt out
- •Parent then checked for eligibility and claims added for eligible children.