

### Appendix 3: The Data

The following data has been taken from the Scottish Government’s annual publication of pupil census statistics<sup>i</sup>.

| In Scotland – Primary Schools  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
|                                | Number of <b>primary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs | Number of <b>primary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs for <b>autism spectrum disorder</b> |
| 2011 <sup>ii</sup> (Tab 6.11)  | 50,964   | 3,062  |
| 2022 <sup>iii</sup> (Tab 6.11) | 109,917  | 10,095   |

| In Scotland – Secondary Schools |  |   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
|                                 | Number of <b>secondary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs | Number of <b>secondary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs for autism spectrum disorder |
| 2011 <sup>iv</sup> (Tab 7.6)    | 40,549   | 3,061   |
| 2022 <sup>v</sup> (Tab 7.6)     | 123,781  | 12,027  |

| In Aberdeenshire – Primary Schools |  |   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                    | Number of <b>primary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs | Number of <b>primary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs for autism spectrum disorder |
| 2011 <sup>vi</sup> (Tab 6.11)      | 5,497  | 252   |
| 2022 <sup>vii</sup> (Tab 6.11)     | 9285   | 496   |

| In Aberdeenshire – Secondary Schools |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                      | Number of <b>secondary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs | Number of <b>secondary school</b> aged pupils receiving support for additional support needs for autism spectrum disorder |
| 2011 <sup>viii</sup> (Tab 7.6)       | 3,893  | 240   |
| 2022 <sup>ix</sup> (Tab 7.6)         | 8,156  | 630   |

Within these figures, a pupil may be recounted should they have multiple additional support needs.

We recognise that there are limitations in this data as there are gaps, such as we do not have records of individuals who self-identify as autistic, and there is a cohort of home-educated children and families who are not known to local authorities. Currently, in Aberdeenshire there is no data available on how many home-educated children are autistic.

### Pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL)

We are committed to supporting school pupils with EAL, with particular focus on providing support and guidance on autism to school-based staff and families.

| Year                            | Local Authority | New to English | Early Acquisition | Developing competence | Competent | Fluent       | English as "first language" | Not known    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 2011 <sup>x</sup><br>(Tab 5.9)  | Aberdeenshire   | 268            | 219               | 258                   | 180       | Not recorded | Not recorded                | Not recorded |
| 2022 <sup>xi</sup><br>(Tab 5.9) | Aberdeenshire   | 440            | 424               | 613                   | 393       | 218          | 34,515                      | 209          |

Existing research identifies good practice for supporting autistic children and young people who speak English as an Additional Language. Currently, there appear to be no official statistics on the number of autistic pupils with EAL. However, given the increase

in the number of pupils with EAL in Aberdeenshire, we understand the importance of developing our learning around communication (language) barriers, understanding cultural capital and the bilingual autistic brain.

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<sup>i</sup> [Pupil census supplementary statistics - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/govscot%3Adocument/pupil%2Bcensus%2B2011.xls)

<sup>ii</sup> Pupil Census 2011 Supplementary tables: <https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/govscot%3Adocument/pupil%2Bcensus%2B2011.xls>

<sup>iii</sup> Pupil Census 2022 Supplementary statistics : <https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/govscot%3Adocument/Pupils%252BCensus%252BSupplementary%252BStatistics%252B2022.xlsx>

<sup>iv</sup> Pupil Census 2011 Supplementary tables: <https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/govscot%3Adocument/pupil%2Bcensus%2B2011.xls>

<sup>v</sup> Pupil Census 2022 Supplementary statistics : <https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/govscot%3Adocument/Pupils%252BCensus%252BSupplementary%252BStatistics%252B2022.xlsx>

<sup>vi</sup> Pupil Census 2011 Supplementary tables: <https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/govscot%3Adocument/pupil%2Bcensus%2B2011.xls>

<sup>vii</sup> Pupil Census 2022 Supplementary statistics : <https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/govscot%3Adocument/Pupils%252BCensus%252BSupplementary%252BStatistics%252B2022.xlsx>

<sup>viii</sup> Pupil Census 2011 Supplementary tables: <https://www.gov.scot/binary/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/govscot%3Adocument/pupil%2Bcensus%2B2011.xls>

<sup>ix</sup> Pupil Census 2022 Supplementary statistics : <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/govscot%3Adocument/Pupils%252BCensus%252BSupplementary%252BStatistics%252B2022.xlsx>

<sup>x</sup> Pupil Census 2011 Supplementary statistics: <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/pupil-census-2011-supplementary-tables/govscot%3Adocument/pupil%2Bcensus%2B2011.xls>

<sup>xi</sup> Pupil Census 2022 Supplementary statistics: <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/07/pupil-census-supplementary-tables/documents/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/pupil-census-2022-supplementary-statistics/govscot%3Adocument/Pupils%252BCensus%252BSupplementary%252BStatistics%252B2022.xlsx>