



What is pupil premium?

Pupil Premium began in 2011 for children eligible for free school meals, children whose parents serve in the armed forces and looked after children; its purpose was to close the attainment gap between these groups and their peers.

In 2013 the DfE introduced Pupil Premium *Plus* for looked after and previously looked after children. In doing this, the DfE acknowledged the enduring impact of trauma and loss in children's lives and the key role of schools in supporting children who have had a difficult start in life.

How much do schools receive?

In the 2015 to 2016 financial year, primary schools will receive the following funding:

Pupil Premium: £1,320 for each pupil registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years

Pupil Premium Plus £1,900 for each pupil who has left local-authority care because of one of the following:

- adoption

- a special guardianship order

- a child arrangements order

- Left care under a Child Arrangements Order (formerly known as a Residence Order).

When is pupil premium allocated to schools?

Pupil premium grant allocations were confirmed in summer 2015 once pupil number data from the January 2015 census was validated and agreed.

Pupil premium grant is paid to Local Authorities in quarterly instalments by:

- 30 June 2015

- 30 September 2015

- 31 December 2015

- 31 March 2016

How should pupil premium and pupil premium plus grants be spent?

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Pupil Premium

The pupil premium grant should be used to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers

Pupil Premium Plus

The DfE has said that it intends the funding to be spent on:

'...helping adopted children emotionally, socially and educationally by providing specific support to raise their attainment and address their wider needs.' This focus on children's social and emotional and wider needs is in contrast to the Pupil Premium for children eligible for free school meals, which is focused on closing the attainment gap.

Pupil premium plus is managed by the Local Authority. There is no requirement to pass funding on to schools. Expenditure of pupil premium plus must be recorded on the relevant section of the PEP (Personal Education Plan) PEPs are a format used for children in care and are ideal for gathering the views of the child, parents, school and social worker (where the adoption/special guardianship support service is involved). This shared understanding of the child's needs makes it possible to identify the interventions needed to support the child's needs, which then informs Pupil Premium Plus spending.

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How much Pupil premium will Princes Primary School receive in 2015-2016?

69 pupils entitled to pupil premium (Free school meals) £1320 = £91,080

7 pupils entitled to pupil premium plus (Looked after children) £1900 = £13,300