

School Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

Pupil Premium is extra funding given to the school to:

- support more disadvantaged pupils, of all abilities
- to close the gaps between them and their peers

The funding is currently £935 for a secondary age pupil, £1,320 for a primary age pupil and £1,900 for pupils that have been looked after under local authority care. This funding cannot be accessed unless parents or guardians apply for free school meals.

Pupil premium is paid in respect of pupils that are eligible for [Free School Meals](#), or have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years. Pupil premium is also paid for pupils that have left Local Authority Care due to adoption for one of the following reasons:

- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

Pupil premium funding can only be paid to schools. It cannot be paid directly to parents. Schools will agree strategies with their Governors to ensure pupil premium funding is used in the most appropriate way, according to the conditions of the grant.

In order for a school to receive pupil premium funding for a pupil, the school must ensure the pupil is recorded on the January school census as being eligible. Funding will then be paid to the school for the next financial year.