

### Pupil Premium Plus (PP+) for Children Previously in Care

Pupils in reception to Y11 who are attending a state-funded school, and were previously looked after by a local authority or other state care for more than 24 hours, are eligible for Pupil Premium Plus (PP+). PP+ is a funding grant paid to schools to promote the education of pupils who have been in the care of children's services. This is to help improve the attainment of previously looked-after children and close the attainment gap between this group and their peers.

For the financial year 2024-25, the Pupil Premium Grant for previously looked after children is £2570 per pupil. Children and young people are eligible for this grant between reception and Year 11. This funding is not a personal budget for a particular child, and must be spent on improving educational outcomes for the eligible cohort.

### How do school's claim PP+ funding for PCiC?

To receive PP+ funding, each eligible child must be recorded on the October census, following the school seeing evidence of a child's looked after status. A sensitive request from schools that parents/carers should declare their child's previously looked after status to access the grant will help facilitate this. You may wish to include an item in your newsletter or website to encourage parents and carers to inform school of this. It is their choice whether to share information about their child's previously in care status.

[DfE: The designated teacher for looked after and previously looked-after children](#) statutory guidance states that the designated teacher should help raise parent's and guardians' awareness of PP+ for previously looked-after children, including encouraging parents of eligible previously looked-after children to tell the school if their child is entitled to attract PP+ funding.

Examples of evidence may include a parent or carer showing the school a copy of an adoption certificate, court order or a letter from the Local Authority. Parents/carers can conceal any details they do not wish the educational setting to see. This information should not be shared with other staff without consent from parents or carers.

### How is PP+ delivered?

For children previously in care, PP+ is paid by the government directly to the school. The Virtual School have no involvement in this funding.

For mainstream and special schools, the PP grant for financial year 2024 to 2025 will include children recorded in the October 2023 school census who were entered as previously looked after children.

For PRUs and AP academies, PP grant for financial year 2024 to 2025 will include PLAC recorded in the January 2024 school census.

[www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-technical-note-2024-25](http://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-technical-note-2024-25):

### When will PP+ be received?

The PP+ payment schedule for 2024-25 can be found here: [www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-2024-to-2025-conditions-of-grant-for-local-authorities#allocationand-payment-arrangements](http://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-2024-to-2025-conditions-of-grant-for-local-authorities#allocationand-payment-arrangements)

### How can PP+ be used?

PP+ is not ring-fenced for each individual child, and it is the responsibility of the school to ensure it is spent appropriately.

The designated teacher should play a key part in decisions on how the PP+ is used to support previously looked-after children. [DfE Using Pupil Premium: Guidance For School Leaders](#) states that DT's should encourage parents and guardians' involvement in how Pupil Premium Plus funding is used to support their child, and be the main contact for queries about how pupil premium is being used to support previously looked-after children.

PP+ spending could include:

- practical adjustments to support children with attainment at school
- support for children's academic, social and emotional needs
- training teaching and support staff

Suggestions could include whole school/individual training in attachments and trauma, small group tuition, start up, or development of, a school-based nurture group/ forest school/ mindfulness or social group programmes.

The adoption agency PAC-UK has a list of recommendations to support areas children previously in care can often struggle with: [PAC-UK-Pupil-Premium-Plus](#)

### Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Some children can benefit from the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). EYPP is devolved directly from the government and whilst it is not a personal budget for a child, it should be spent in a way that benefits children who have left care. Parents or carers will need to tell the education provider that their child left care in England or Wales in order for them to claim the EYPP.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/get-extra-early-years-funding>

Where to apply: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/early-years-service](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/early-years-service)