

Frequently Asked Questions

Can Gloucestershire County Council verify a child's change of care status?

No. It is up to parents and carers if they choose to share whether their child was previously in care, and there is no requirement for them to do so.

Can the Virtual School provide Pupil Premium+ funding for children previously in care?

No. The Virtual School does not hold any Pupil Premium funding for children who were previously in care. PP+ funding for this cohort comes from the government directly to schools following census information.

Are all children in kinship care defined as a 'previous child in care', and therefore eligible for PP+?

No. Not all children in kinship care will have previously been in care and therefore may not necessarily be eligible for Pupil Premium+. If they were not previously in the care of a local authority, they may still be eligible for Pupil Premium via other usual means eg, Free School Meals (FSM/ Ever 6 FSM).

Is PP+ funding available for children adopted from overseas?

Since 2023, as long as the child is registered on the autumn census, and a parent/carer has provided document evidence, children adopted from overseas will be eligible for PP+. See: <https://www.adoptionuk.org/news/pp-extended-to-include-children-adopted-from-overseas>

What if a parent/carer cannot provide clear evidence of PCiC status to prove eligibility for PP+?

The statutory guidance on the roles and responsibilities of designated teachers suggests that where parents/carers are unable to provide clear evidence of their child's status, schools will need to use their discretion.

What do I do if I think my school has not received the correct amount of PP+ funding?

Schools should receive PP+ for all children declared as previously in care on the Autumn census. Maintained schools should contact the School's Funding Team at the Local Authority if they have a query regarding the PP+ allocated.

Academy schools receive their pupil premium funding straight from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as opposed to the Local Authority. If you have questions around pupil premium plus funding contact the ESFA through their [ESFA: Customer Help Portal](#)

Can all education settings access PP+?

Independent schools and home educating families cannot access Pupil Premium+ for their students. However, pupil premium is provided to local authorities for eligible pupils in independent settings where **the local authority pays full tuition fees**. It is for the local authority to decide how much of this funding to pass on to the child's school. [Gov.Uk-Pupil Premium-Overview](#)

Does PP+ spending for children previously in care need to be shown separately on the Pupil Premium Strategy Statement?

No. This funding is amalgamated into the total PP funding and does not need to be declared separately.

How often does a parent/carer need to declare their child's eligibility for PP+ to the school?

If a child does not change schools, parents/carers do not need to re-declare their child's PP+ eligibility after the initial declaration. If a child changes school parents/carers would need to self-declare this information to the new school.

When can PP+ not be claimed?

Any eligible child attending school from the start of Reception Year to the end of Year 11 can receive Pupil Premium. Children who are electively home educated or are post-16 students are currently not eligible for Pupil Premium+.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Virtual School Education Advisor for Children Previously in Care.