

What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is additional funding given to schools so that they can support and close the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

In the 2014 to 2015 financial year, the school will receive £1300 per primary pupil who is currently eligible for free school meals (FSM) or has been eligible for FSM in the past 6 years (FSM 'Ever 6').

A higher rate of £1900 for looked-after children is being introduced and the eligibility criteria is being extended to include those pupils who have been in care for one day or more, as compared with the six months in care currently required.

For the first time, schools will also receive £1900 for eligible pupils who have been registered on the school census as having been adopted from care or leaving care under a special guardianship or residence order.

The service premium will continue to be extended so that in 2014 to 2015, any pupil in reception to year 11 who has been flagged as a service child since 2011 will continue to receive the premium ('Ever 6' measure). The service child premium will be paid to schools at the rate of £300 per pupil.

The PPG is not 'ring-fenced' and schools are free to spend it as they wish but need to demonstrate that the expenditure is contributing to closing performance gaps between PPG children and others. The grant is intended to benefit children who are currently in school.

How is it spent?

Expenditure for these pupils has included amounts allocated towards:

Early intervention for targeted pupils

Increasing teaching assistant support aimed at targeted groups

Developing quality, effective feedback to individual pupils identified through Lesson Study programme.

Support materials for the above

Nurture Group provision

Play therapy (behaviour support specialist giving 1:1 support and up skilling practitioners through CPD)

Subsidies for Residential and Educational visits

Assisted places at holiday sports academy

Assisted places at enrichment activities e.g. Music lessons: piano

School clubs

What is its impact on learning and social development?

The impact of the Pupil Premium Grant is measured at the end of the academic year in relation to:

- Attendance
- Engagements in clubs and enrichment activities
- Parent participation
- Core subject progress
- Enjoyment of school

As a result of strategically targeting the pupil premium budget on the specific needs of the group:

- The majority of PPG pupils have made at least good progress across all year groups.
- PPG pupils are motivated to complete their work
- The gap between PPG and non PPG students is closing in the majority of cases
- The large majority of PPG read at home regularly with the very large majority feeling supported at home with their school work.
- All parents of PPG engage with school regarding their child's learning at least each half term.
- All vulnerable pupils attend a school club and experience success, engage positively with peers and behave well.
- The attendance of the vast majority of PPG attendance is at least average or above.
- All PPG pupils have responsibilities around school to develop reliability, responsibility and routines.
- Almost all PPG pupils feel it good to have new challenges.