

Pupil Premium: eligibility and funding arrangements

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1. DfE Links

There are a large variety of different guidance pages from the DfE on pupil premium, here are a selection available at the time of writing:

- [Pupil premium: effective use and accountability - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-effective-use-and-accountability)
- [Pupil premium: conditions of grant 2023 to 2024 for local authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024-for-local-authorities)
- [Pupil premium: conditions of grant 2023 to 2024 for academies and free schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024-for-academies-and-free-schools)
- [Pupil premium - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium)
- [DfE Sign-in \(education.gov.uk\)](https://education.gov.uk/sign-in) – where you can access your pupil premiums file via Get Information About Pupils (GIAP)

2. Eligibility criteria for pupil premium

State-funded schools including the following can receive pupil premium for their eligible pupils: Local authority-maintained schools, Academies and free schools and non-maintained special schools.

Pupils **in Reception to Year 11** can be eligible for pupil premium.

Pupils can **either** attract deprivation or looked after premium, not both. If a child is eligible for both, they will attract the CLA/post-CLA pupil premium as this is a higher amount.

1. Pupils on roll in the Autumn school census¹ who are currently eligible for **free school meals**, or have been eligible for free school meals within the last 6 years (as recorded in termly

¹ With the exception of children attending PRUs, where eligibility is still based on those on roll in the Spring school census.

school census submissions by schools), including children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

2. Looked-after and previously looked-after children

- a. Children on roll in Autumn census who were submitted by a local authority looked after for at least one day during the year ending March, as recorded in the annual March children looked-after data return (SSDA903).
(June file available via GIAP will be based on previous year's data, December file will be updated to be based on LA submission that August).
- b. Children on roll in the October census flagged with a post looked after arrangement using any of the following codes:

Code	Description
A	Not looked after - adoption from England and Wales
G	Not looked after - special guardianship order (SGO) from England and Wales
R	Not looked after - residence order (RO) from England and Wales. Residence orders were replaced by child arrangements orders in April 2014.
C	Not looked after - child arrangements order (CAO) from England and Wales
O	Not looked after – adopted from state care outside of England and Wales

3. Service Premium

The service premium is not part of the pupil premium as the rules to attract the service premium² are different.

Eligibility is based on children flagged in the Autumn census as a “Service Child”, i.e., a pupil with a parent who:

- is serving in the armed forces of this nation or nation stationed in England, or,
- has died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupils receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme, or,

4. Payments

Guidance from the DfE on pupil premium payments can be found online here -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-effective-use-and-accountability#payments>

The list of pupils that your pupil premium payment is based on is usually published in July by the DfE, the file can be downloaded from GIAP, which is accessed via [DfE Sign-In](#). The data in the July file should be final for disadvantaged (FSM ever 6) pupils and service pupils, and provisional for looked after pupils. An updated file including the finalised CLA pupils is published in December.

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium>

At that point the DfE also publish the provisional deprivation PP school level allocations via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024> in July, with the final version – including any CLA adjustments - made in December.

Queries about the pupil premium data file should be directed to the Department for Education.

4.1. Academies (disadvantaged element of pupil premium grant)

For academies, queries about payments should be directed to the DfE as they receive the main block of their pupil premium funding directly.

More information on the process for academies can be found online here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024-for-academies-and-free-schools>

In 2023 and 2024, for academies, the DfE will pay PPG to academies in quarterly instalments on:

- 10 July 2023 - for academies open at 1 April 2023
- 09 October 2023 - for academies open at 1 April 2023
- 08 January 2024 - for academies open at 1 September 2023
- 09 April 2024 - for academies open at 1 January 2024

4.2. Maintained schools (disadvantaged element of pupil premium grant)

For maintained schools, queries about payments should be directed to the local authority (LA) as they receive the main block of their pupil premium funding via the LA.

- schoolsaccountancyservices@ealing.gov.uk
- <https://www.egfl.org.uk/finance-and-data/funding-and-finance>

More information on the process for maintained schools can be found online here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024/pupil-premium-2023-to-2024-conditions-of-grant-for-local-authorities>

In 2023 and 2024, the DfE will pay PPG to local authorities in quarterly instalments by:

- 30 June 2023
- 29 September 2023
- 29 December 2023
- 28 March 2024

Ealing schools accountancy will pass these payments on to maintained schools the following month.

4.3. Looked after children (CLA) premium (all schools)

The CLA premium is managed by the designated virtual school head (VSH) in the local authority that looks after the child, and used for the benefit of the looked-after child's educational needs as described in their personal education plan.

The looked after element of pupil premium funded is paid directly to your local authority for both academies and maintained schools. Each school will have an individual arrangement on how these funds are used. Please contact the Ealing VSH, Andrew Martin (MartinA@ealing.gov.uk) for more information.

5. Allocations

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) will allocate PPG to academies/local authorities (as applicable) the following amounts:

- £1,455 per pupil for each Ever 6 FSM FTE pupil and each eligible NRPF FTE pupil, aged 4 and over in year groups reception to year 6, except where the pupil is allocated the CLA or post-CLA premium
- £1,035 per pupil for each Ever 6 FSM FTE and each eligible NRPF FTE pupil, in year groups 7 to 11, except where the pupil is allocated the CLA or post-CLA premium
- £2,530 per pupil for each CLA and post-CLA in year groups reception to year 11
- £335 for each pupil aged 4 and over in year groups reception to year 11 who is either Ever 6 service child FTE or in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

At each school they maintain, local authorities will allocate these amounts for each FTE pupil on the October 2022 school census for mainstream and special schools, and on the January 2023 school for pupil referral units and alternative provision academies.

PPG will be allocated on the basis of sole and dual main registrations only.

Where national curriculum year groups do not apply to a pupil, the pupil will attract PPG if aged 4 to 15 as recorded in the October 2022 school census for mainstream and special schools, and in the January 2023 school census for alternative provision academies and pupil referral units.

6. Conditions of grant

The conditions of the grant, how it should be used and additional requirements for schools can be found in the following pages, as linked to previously in this document:

- Maintained schools: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024/pupil-premium-2023-to-2024-conditions-of-grant-for-local-authorities>
- Academies and free schools: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024-for-academies-and-free-schools>