

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 2021 to 2022 for local authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022-for-local-authorities)
- [Pupil premium: conditions of grant 2021 to 2022 for academies and free schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022-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://www.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, Voluntary-aided-schools and Non-maintained special schools.

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

Pupils can receive **either** deprivation or looked after premium, not both. If a child is eligible for both, they will receive the LAC 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 ever been eligible for free school meals within the last 6 years (as recorded in termly school census submissions by schools).

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).
(July file available via GIAP will be based on previous year's data, December file will be updated to be based on LA submission that summer).
- b. Children on roll in Autumn census flagged with a post looked after arrangement using any of the following codes:

Code Description

A	Ceased to be looked after through adoption
G	Ceased to be looked after through a special guardianship order (SGO)
R	Ceased to be looked after through a residence order (RO)
C	Ceased to be looked after through a child arrangements order (CAO)

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 HM Forces, or,
- has retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence.

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 LAC pupils is published in December.

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

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-2021-to-2022> in July, with the final version – including any LAC 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-2021-to-2022/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022-for-academies-and-free-schools>

In 2021 and 2022, for academies, the DfE will pay PPG to academies in quarterly instalments on:

- 08 July 2021 - for academies open at 1 April 2021
- 08 October 2021 - for academies open at 1 April 2021
- 11 January 2022 - for academies open at 1 September 2021
- 08 April 2022 - for academies open at 1 January 2022

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-2021-to-2022/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022-for-local-authorities>

In 2021 and 2022, the DfE will pay PPG to local authorities in quarterly instalments by:

- 30 June 2021
- 30 September 2021
- 31 December 2021
- 31 March 2022

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

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

The LAC 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, Bridie McDonagh (bmcdonagh@ealing.gov.uk, 020 8825 6648) for more information.

5. Allocations

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

- £1,345 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 LAC or post-LAC premium
- £955 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 LAC or post-LAC premium
- £2,345 per pupil for each post-LAC in year groups reception to year 11
- £310 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 2020 school census for mainstream and special schools, and on the January 2021 school for pupil referral units. The EFSA allocates PPG to academies directly.

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 2020 school census for mainstream and special schools, and in the January 2021 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-2021-to-2022/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022-for-local-authorities>
- Academies and free schools: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022-for-academies-and-free-schools>