

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS



Pupil Premium Plus

Pupil Premium Plus is funding for schools in England to support children in care and those previously in the care of the local authority.

The schools of children who meet the criteria above for Previously Looked After Children are eligible to receive additional funding to support their education.

The funding is not a personal budget for specific previously looked after children; however, it must be spent by the school on improving educational outcomes for those previously in the care of the local authority.

Early Years Pupil Premium Plus

Around £350 per year available, which is paid directly to the provider e.g. nursery or childminder. The following eligibility criteria must be met, the child:

- Is under 5 years old

- Is in nursery or attending a childminder
- Was looked after in local authority care and left through adoption, a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangements Order

Statutory School Age Pupil Premium Plus

Around £2500 per year which is paid directly to schools for children who:

- Are statutory school aged
- Are on roll at a school
- Were looked after in local authority care and left through adoption, a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangements Order

Carers and adoptive parents must contact their child's school to confirm and share proof that they are eligible for Pupil Premium Plus, the school must then record this in the autumn census.

If the child changes school, carers will need to declare their status again.

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Schools will typically consult with carers, parents and other key agencies or stakeholders regarding how to effectively use the funding. Schools can use the funding to support academic outcomes as well as to support children's social and emotional needs.

Schools are required to publish how they have spent their pupil premium plus annually; carers and parents can also speak to the school's Designated Teacher regarding the funding.

Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund

The adoption and special guardianship support fund provides funds to local authorities to pay for essential therapeutic services for eligible adoptive, special guardianship and child arrangements order families.

Up to £3000 is available per child per year for therapy. Since April 2025 this limit includes the cost of specialist assessment. Families cannot apply for the funding

directly themselves; the local authority has to apply for the funding.

To be eligible the child has to meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Are living (placed) with a family in England while waiting for adoption
- Were adopted from local authority care in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and live in England
- Were adopted from abroad and live in England with a recognised adoption status
- Were in care before an SGO was made
- Left care under a special guardianship order that was subsequently changed to an adoption order, or vice versa
- Are under a residency order or child arrangement order (CAO) and were previously looked after
- Were previously looked after but where the adoption, special guardianship, residency or CAO placement has broken down, irrespective of any reconciliation plans