

Pupil Premium Grant /Service Premium Grant Policy

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What is the Pupil Premium/Service Premium?

The Pupil Premium/Service Premium was introduced by the Government in April 2011.

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

Why did the Government introduce the Pupil Premium/Service Premium?

To:

- address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and their wealthier peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils
- improve the progress and attainment of Looked After Children
- to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.
- support the additional emotional and social well being of children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces

Pupil premium funding is available to:

- local-authority-maintained schools, including special schools, pupil referral units (PRUs), and voluntary-sector alternative provision (AP)
- special schools not maintained by the local authority (NMSS)
- academies and free schools, including special and AP academies

How is the Pupil Premium/Service Premium allocated?

It is allocated to:

- children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible for FSM or have been at any point in the last six years. (The funding allocated is based on the January school census figures for pupils registered as eligible for FSM in Reception to Year 11.)
- children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months (calculated using the looked after children data returns (SSDA903)).
- children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces

How much is allocated per pupil?

In the 2020 to 2021 financial year, schools received the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

- £1,345 for pupils in reception year to year 6
- £955 for pupils in year 7 to year 11

Schools also receive £2,345 for each pupil who has left local-authority care because of one of the following:

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

Children who have been in local-authority care for 1 day or more also attract £2,345 pupil premium funding.

The Service Premium is £310 per pupil.

How can schools spend the Pupil Premium/Service Premium?

It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium/Service Premium is spent.

At Linwood the funding will be used to pay for:

- SALT (Speech and Language Therapy)
- Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Nursing support
- Therapeutic approaches e.g. music therapy, reflexology, aromatherapy
- Additional 1:1 intervention/booster group time e.g. literacy, numeracy, self-esteem, ELSA groups
- Electronic aids to support communication and access to the curriculum e.g. I pads, Boardmaker, Magic Carpet, Eye Gaze etc
- Additional teaching assistant time e.g. to support access to the curriculum, to narrow the gap between a pupil and their peers, to encourage interaction, to enable participation in activities beyond the school environment, to maintain level of physical skills
- Residential Visits
- Extended Services

What evidence do we have to provide on how the money has been spent?

Schools will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families.

From September 2012, schools have had to publish online information about how they have used the Premium. This will ensure that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.

How will outcomes be monitored, evaluated and reviewed at Linwood?

Pupil progress and outcomes will be evidenced through:

- Case studies
- PLP (Personal Learning Plan) targets
- Learning stories and journals
- Witness Statements
- Response sheets
- Assessment documentation
- Data
- Annual Reviews/Annual Reports

Progress and outcomes will be reviewed by SMLT and Governors.