

Please note: this can mean that a school does not have access to pupil premium funding for the period between a child leaving Care and the next financial year or following a school move.

This pupil premium funding is additional money for schools to improve the educational and personal outcomes for eligible pupils who have left care. Schools have the freedom to determine the best use of the funding, but guidance suggests they should work with parents and guardians around this. The funding could be used, for example, to pay for collective support that impacts a group of eligible children, for staff training or individual support for an eligible child such as providing tuition.

It is not intended that the funding is used to backfill the general school budget or used to support other groups of students. **Schools are inspected by Ofsted on the effective use of their pupil premium funding.**

For all Portsmouth Schools: If you require further information regarding pupil premium please contact your LAC child's education caseworker, or the Portsmouth Virtual School PLAC lead Sarah Major

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If you are unsure of your child's caseworker please email Tina Henley, Head of the Portsmouth Virtual School or Vicki Reynish, Deputy Head of the Virtual School.

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Preparing for Adoption, Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Orders -

An information booklet regarding Pupil Premium Plus

This booklet has been designed by the Portsmouth Virtual School as a guide to develop understanding around the financial arrangements for pupils whose legal status will be changing from 'Looked After by the Local Authority' to either 'Adoption' (AO), 'Special Guardianship' (SGO), or Child Arrangements Order (CAO) (previously 'Residence Order' (RO)).

From April 2015 the pupil premium plus funding attracted by Looked After Children is held by the Virtual School of the child's home Local Authority. Each Local Authority has their own arrangements for how this funding is distributed.

For the financial year 2022-2023 the pupil premium allocation for Looked After Children is £2410 per pupil.

The process for Portsmouth Looked After Children:

- The funding for Looked After Children is held within a pupil premium budget by the Portsmouth Virtual School. Some of the money is ring fenced and used towards developing support for all Portsmouth Looked After Children including for example offering training, education case worker support and letterbox club.
- The needs of individual Looked After Children should be discussed at initial and review PEP meetings. If the network feel that there is an area where pupil premium could bring additionality or help to enhance a child's progress this should be noted within the PEP paperwork.
- The Virtual School education caseworker for the child should be notified and they can put forward a request to the next pupil premium panel.
- The panel meets monthly and will consider all requests put forward (the panel consists of representatives from the Portsmouth Virtual School, a foster carer, from Portsmouth schools and the Local Authority).
- The network would be informed of the outcome following the meeting.

Where there is a plan for a looked after child to be made subject to an Adoption Order, Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangement Order, a child remains a 'Looked After Child' until the Order has been formally made by the court. During this time they will remain eligible for Looked After Children's pupil premium plus from their Local Authority Virtual School.

Pupil premium for post Adoption, Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order

For the financial year 2022-203 the pupil premium allocation for children who are 'previously Looked After' and on an Order as above, stands at £2410 per child.

For this pupil cohort the funding would be directed to the school where each individual pupil is attending, it is not held by the virtual school.

For a child to be eligible for this pupil premium funding their status must be 'self-declared' by their parents/guardians to the school, showing supporting documents (i.e Court Order and previous LAC status).

Schools must then declare this status in the October School's Census return. This funding will then be received by the school from the following financial year (e.g. a child recorded as adopted on the October 2021 Census will be eligible for pupil premium from April 2022).