

Pupil Premium

What is the Pupil Premium?

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.

Pupil Premium funding was introduced in 2011 for those students registered for free school meals (FSM) and extended in 2012 to pupils who have been eligible for FSM at any point in the last 6 years. As a group, children who have been eligible for FSM at any point in time have consistently lower educational attainment than those who have never been eligible for FSM.

Pupil Premium funding is allocated directly to schools and they can choose how this is spent to support the achievement of students who attract this funding.

Pupil premium funding is available to:

- schools maintained by the local authority, including:
 - schools for children with special educational needs or disabilities
 - pupil referral units (PRUs), for children who can't go to a mainstream school
- [academies](#) and [free schools](#), including:
 - academies for children with special educational needs or disabilities
 - alternative provision (AP) academies, for children who can't go to a mainstream school
- voluntary-sector AP, with local authority agreement
- non-maintained special schools (NMSS), for children with special educational needs as approved by the Secretary of State for Education under [section 342 of the Education Act 1992](#)

Funding for financial year 2018 to 2019

In the 2018 to 2019 financial year, schools will receive the following funding for each pupil registered as eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years:

- £1,320 for pupils in reception to year 6
- £935 for pupils in year 7 to year 11

Schools will receive £2,300 for any pupil:

- identified in the January 2018 [school census](#) or the [alternative provision census](#) as having left local authority care as a result of:
 - adoption
 - a special guardianship order
 - a child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order)
- who has been in local authority care for 1 day or more
- recorded as both eligible for FSM in the last 6 years and as being looked after (or as having left local authority care)

For pupils who attract the £2,300 rate, the [virtual school head](#) of the local authority that looks after the pupil will manage the funding.