



# Pupil Premium Plus (PP+)

## 2019-20

## Guidance for schools, carers and social workers

### Pupil Premium Plus Grant for Looked After Children

Pupil Premium Plus (PP+) is provided to support the progress and achievement of looked after children. It is managed and monitored by the Virtual School Headteacher (VSH).

*The information in this document refers only to Pupil Premium Plus funding for looked after children and applies only to children in the care of Northumberland local authority. If a school has looked after children from other local authorities differing arrangements will be in place which you can find out from the relevant local authority's Virtual School.*

### Department for Education guidance

The following Department for Education documents provide the statutory guidance for local authorities and schools to follow:

- [Pupil Premium 2019-20: Conditions of Grant](#)
- [Promoting the education of looked after children: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities](#)
- [Pupil Premium and the role of the Virtual School Head](#)

### Who manages the funding?

Pupil Premium Plus is managed by the Virtual School Headteacher and is based on the educational needs identified in the child's Personal Education Plan (PEP).

### Distribution to schools

Pupil Premium Plus funding is dispersed to schools according to [Northumberland's Pupil Premium Plus Policy 2019-20](#).

The total amount of Pupil Premium Plus allocated directly to schools is £1600 per pupil.

Pupil Premium will only be allocated to a school when:

- a complete and good quality PEP is in place for each looked after child

- there is evidence that the Designated Teacher has reviewed the PEP termly ie 3 times each academic year
- that there is evidence that 6 monthly multi-agency PEP review meetings are in place
- that the termly progress reviews are completed and submitted on time
- the identified use meets the conditions of the grant
- Pupil Premium Plus is providing support that is in addition to any other support made available to all pupils in the school.

## Additional Pupil Premium Plus funding

In addition to the direct payment of £1600 schools can request additional Pupil Premium Plus funding after the further assessment of an individual looked after pupil's needs.

The Virtual School will also allocate funding for looked after pupils in crisis.

These further payments will be made at the discretion of the Virtual School Headteacher.

## What considerations should be made to use the funding?

The first consideration for the Pupil Premium Plus funding is if the pupil would benefit from additional support for their learning to perform at the expected standard of other children of the same age.

Secondly, the targets agreed in the PEP to improve outcomes for the pupil should match the use of the funding.

Some targets may consider a pupil's emotional and/or social needs. This may fund counselling, for example, or other support that helps the pupil's specific needs.

- Does the pupil need the funding to support his or her academic work in school? e.g. catch up, additional tuition
- Has the pupil an emotional need that may be impacting on his or her performance in school?
- If academically achieving in some subjects, are there any other subject areas that the pupil may need support?
- If the school are considering using the funding beyond the support to the national curriculum, is there a clear explanation of how it will benefit the pupil?
- Are the targets agreed in the PEP matching the use of the funding?

Discussions that may take place about trips, after school clubs and other extended curricular activities need to have considered all of the above and directly link to a target that will improve the outcomes for the pupil.

## Statutory responsibility of the school

A school has the responsibility to appoint a Designated Teacher for Looked After and Previously Looked After Children who will:

- promote the educational achievement for each looked after child in the school
- actively support the Personal Education Plan process
- work with the local authority to:
  - agree the use of Pupil Premium Plus funding for each looked after child
  - monitor and report on the impact of Pupil Premium Plus for each individual looked after child.

## Allocations and distribution

- £2300 is allocated to the Virtual School Headteacher for each eligible pupil
- Schools will receive £400 per term – a total of £1200
- An additional £400 will be given to schools based on 2 completed 6 monthly multi-agency PEP review meetings being received by ESLAC through the ePEP website
- £700 per pupil is retained by the Virtual School (ESLAC) for the benefit of all looked after children eg funding a Virtual School Education Psychologist, providing Thrive attachment training for Designated Teachers, crisis funding for individual pupils.

## What must the Designated Teacher do?

The PEP is the key document which will be used to plan for Pupil Premium Plus so the role of the Designated Teacher is key in ensuring that the PEP is of high quality and provides the following information:

- prior attainment and current attainment data, whether the pupil is on track to make the expected level of progress in key subjects and attendance data
- educational needs must be identified using the above data and knowledge of the pupil's wider needs
- intended outcomes must be clear and quantitative targets for improvement must be set
- costings must be provided for interventions indicating clear timescales for intervention and by whom.

## Pupil Premium Plus funding retained by the Virtual School

Over the past two years the centrally held fund has been used to provide:

- support for looked after children at risk of exclusion.
- additional educational psychology support.
- additional teaching support.
- funding support and educational provision for children in crisis.
- training for Designated Teachers, including Thrive attachment training.

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