Pupil Premium Plus Grant for Cambridgeshire’s Looked After Children

The Pupil Premium Plus (PPP) is additional per pupil funding allocated to schools to support Looked After Children (LAC) from the term after they turn 3 years old through to Year 11.

For the financial year 2018 – 2019 the Department of Education (DfE) will allocate local authorities a provisional amount of £2,300 per Cambridgeshire Looked After pupil as detailed in the DfE’s Pupil Premium 2018 – 2019: Conditions of Grant. £300 is allocated to early years settings. This is referred to as early years pupil premium plus (EYPPP).


It is the statutory responsibility of the Virtual School Head (VSH) to manage this fund and ensure that any funding allocated meets the looked after child’s educational needs as described in their Personal Education Plan (PEP) There is no automatic entitlement for schools to receive the funding, the VSH can pool funds or retain a portion of the full amount to use in a variety of ways to enhance the education, learning and outcomes of Cambridgeshire Looked After Children. In Cambridgeshire, the retained funding is used for a range of purposes. This includes:

- Providing a wide range of training opportunities at no charge, or minimal charge to the education setting.
- Additional intervention support for identified cohorts of young people
- Employing tutors in order to maintain a level of educational support where a young person is moved and a new educational placement is being secured
- Enabling education settings to apply for additional sums of money according to need

Allocation of PPP for Cambridgeshire looked after children, as standard, to maintained schools and academies.

- A termly (summer, autumn, spring) allocation of £600 will be paid to the school for each eligible pupil
- The amount will be payable upon completion and sign off of the current term’s PEP by the Virtual School team
- Schools will be notified that the PEP has been signed off and when payment can be expected

PPP is not paid in the following circumstances

- Children who attend non maintained schools, e.g. private schools, by the choice of the carer cannot receive Pupil Premium as the conditions of grant preclude this.
- Children who are placed in an education setting, specialist provision or therapeutic placement which includes education, by choice of the Local Authority, whom already receive funding to cover the full needs of the child. These placements will no longer receive Pupil Premium funding as standard. However these providers will be able to apply for exceptional PPP funding as described below.

Allocation of EYPPP for Cambridgeshire looked after children, attending settings, from the term after their third birthday, until they start foundation stage 2.

- A termly (summer, autumn, spring) allocation of £100 will be paid to the setting for each eligible pupil
- The amount will be payable upon completion and sign off of the current term’s PEP by the Virtual School team
- Schools will be notified that the PEP has been signed off and when payment can be expected
Exceptional funding requests

• Where a requirement for funding over and above the termly allocation is identified, schools should complete the Exceptional Pupil Premium Funding Request Form. Applications for larger projects or group interventions should also be made using this form.
• Any exceptional funding requests MUST be discussed with a Virtual School link in the first instance.
• Exceptional requests for funding should then be made on the attached form and emailed securely to Virtualschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
• All exceptional funding requests will be considered at the bimonthly pupil premium panel meetings, following which educational settings will be notified of the outcome
• All applications should be in word format, not pdf

General information

• To claim any agreed funding schools should send an invoice to Virtualschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk within 28 days of the date of the confirmation of funding letter.
• The final deadline for exceptional applications for funding, for this financial year, must be received by the Virtual School by Friday 22nd February 2019.
• It is a statutory requirement and an OFSTED requirement that schools evidence how the pupil premium is spent and how it benefits looked after children. Schools are advised to ensure that every PEP includes smart desirable outcomes, any exceptional funding allocated and clear evidence of impact on children’s achievement of all pupil premium funding.
• The funding is to provide additional support and should not meet costs which should be funded elsewhere. This includes the entitlement set out in the SEND code of practice: 0-25 years, published in June 2014

Pupil Premium for children adopted from care or who have left care

Children who have ceased to be looked after by the local authority in England & Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order are referred to as ‘Post-LAC’ in the conditions of grant.
Schools will receive £2,300 for each eligible pupil (previously in the care of ANY English or Welsh authority) direct where the adoptive parents/carers have disclosed the legal status of the child to the school. The pupil must then be recorded in the January school census and alternative provision census and to be eligible must have been looked after immediately prior to their current status. It is for schools to verify to their satisfaction that the parent/carer declaration is accurate.
This is a separate grant and outside of the process for looked after children as described above and not the remit of the Virtual School for Children in Care. There is no requirement to hold PEP meetings for previously looked after young people.

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