

Pupil Premium for adopted children

a guide for parents and schools



What is pupil premium?

Pupil premium is extra funding paid to state funded schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupil and help narrow the gap.

Prior to April 2014, only children adopted after 30 December, 2005 were eligible for pupil premium however this has now been widened to include all children adopted from care and also those who leave care under a Special Guardianship or Residence order.

The funding is currently £1900 per pupil and applies to all children from reception to year 11.

What is it for?

Pupil Premium is aimed at helping adopted children to succeed in school as current research indicates they do not perform as well as their peers.

Children adopted from care have often experienced significant trauma in their early life; these experiences do not change over night and can have a lasting impact on their ability to learn and achieve.

Schools and teachers can play a vital role in helping children overcome their early disadvantage by providing support that addresses their emotional, academic and social needs.

How to claim pupil premium

So that schools are able to claim the pupil premium you will need to inform them that your child is adopted and provide supporting evidence to them; this is normally in the form of a copy of the adoption order. Schools will need to be in receipt of this information prior to the spring census.

Schools will handle this information with discretion and sensitivity.

How the money can be spent

Schools have flexibility on how this funding is spent but it is hoped that parents can discuss this with the Head teacher as parents are well placed to understand the specific needs of their child.

Whilst schools are accountable as to how this funding is used, it is not a ring fenced sum of money.

So for example: schools may decide to use some of the funding to train teaching assistants around the needs of emotional literacy or attachment; training that may benefit an adopted children but may also benefit other children as well.

One to one support, tuition or catch up lesson are suitable uses of pupil premium.



Please note this information is accurate at the time of publication, July, 2015; however it may be liable to change.

Further information on pupil premium for adopted children can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/.../pupil_premium_CoG_2014-15.pdf

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