

NARROWING THE GAP

Pupil Premium Funding Guidance



INTRODUCTION

As part of the Cooperative Review Group consideration of narrowing the gap, this document sets out the pupil premium funding guidance, legislation and details of how schools report spending.

Background

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. A disadvantaged pupil is anyone who has been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM'). Schools also receive funding for children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months, and children of service personnel.

Up to £50 million of the pupil premium was set aside nationally for the Summer School Programme for disadvantaged pupils to support their transition to secondary schools in September 2013.

Pupil Premium Grant 2013-2014

Pupil Premium Grant 2013-2014 is paid pursuant to Section 14 of the Education Act 2002, and in accordance with Section 16 of that Act the Secretary of State lays down the terms and conditions of the grant which can be accessed using the following link: [Pupil Premium Conditions of Grant](#).

The Pupil Premium per pupil for 2013-2014 is as follows:

Type of pupil	Pupil Premium per pupil	Plymouth Allocation # £m
Pupils recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£900	8.479
Children Looked After	£900	0.732
Service Children	£300	0.212
		9.423

Plymouth allocation includes academies.

Terms on which PPG is allocated to schools

The grant may be spent by maintained schools for the purposes of the school; that is to say for the educational benefit of pupils registered at that school, or for the benefit of pupils registered at other maintained schools; and on community facilities, for example services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils at the school or their families, or people who live or work in the locality in which the school is situated.

The grant does not have to be completely spent by schools in the financial year beginning 1 April 2013; some or all of it may be carried forward to future financial years.

Accountability

The government believes that head teachers and school leaders should decide how to use the pupil premium. They are held accountable for the decisions they make through:

- the performance tables which show the performance of disadvantaged pupils compared with their peers
- the Ofsted inspection framework, under which inspectors focus on the attainment of pupil groups, and in particular those who attract the pupil premium
- the reports for parents that schools have to publish online

How schools present the information in their online statement is a matter for each school. There is certain information that must be in the report: the school's pupil premium allocation in respect of the current academic year; details of how it is intended that the allocation will be spent; details of how the previous academic year's allocation was spent, and the impact of this expenditure on the educational attainment of those pupils at the school, in respect of whom grant funding was allocated.

Local authorities are required to certify that they have passed on the correct amount of funding to maintained schools or, where funding has been spent centrally, that it has been spent in line with the conditions of grant. Academies receive the pupil premium grant direct from the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

Spending Statistic

Schools are not required to separately report expenditure against the pupil premium grant within the statutory accounts. Capturing information on spending statistics is therefore difficult. Ofsted conducted a survey in September 2012 to identify how schools were using this money to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these pupils. The survey is based on the views of 262 school leaders gathered through inspections and telephone interview questionnaires conducted by Her Majesty's Inspectors.

The results of the survey can be access via the Ofsted website:

[The pupil premium full report](#)

[The pupil premium summary report](#)

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