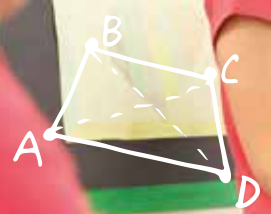




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Services to People



Information for carers and
other professionals about the
Pupil Premium Plus



What is Pupil Premium Plus?

- » Pupil Premium Plus is a government grant to support and promote the education of children and young people in care.
- » Pupil Premium Plus provides each looked after child (LAC) of school age with £2,300 per year to support their education. Some children, however, will be allocated more and some less, depending on an assessment of their individual needs.
- » Children and young people will be eligible as soon as they enter care.
- » Pupil Premium Plus must be used to improve outcomes and raise attainment.
- » The Virtual School Head Teacher is responsible for making sure there are effective arrangements in place for allocating Pupil Premium Plus funding to benefit children looked after by Stockport, wherever they are placed.
- » How the grant is to be used must be clearly identified in each young person's Personal Education Plan [PEP] in consultation with the designated teacher and the social worker, plus contributions from the carer and other relevant professionals.
- » PEPs will need to be monitored even more closely by designated teachers, the Virtual School Head Teacher, social workers and Independent Reviewing Officers.



Why may the amount of Pupil Premium Plus vary?

The needs of children and young people in care can vary at different times. For some £2,300 may only be a fraction of the cost for the support they need. Those who may require more could include:

- » Children who come into care in an emergency with a fragmented home and education history.
- » Children who have to move into or out of Stockport in an emergency.
- » Children where there is a significant and often delayed reaction to abuse and neglect, which manifests in hard to anticipate behaviours.

In response to this wide range of need there may well be a significant difference in the amount of Pupil Premium Plus distributed to individual children.

Pupil Premium Plus and Personal Education Plans

The Pupil Premium Plus will only be provided to meet the needs identified in a high quality PEP with clear educational and other measurable targets for improvement.

The Pupil Premium Plus will be used to improve outcomes for children in the following areas:

- » Raising levels of achievement and progress.
- » Supporting achievement in an area where a child is gifted and talented.
- » Improving attendance.
- » Supporting emotional wellbeing.
- » Promoting inclusion [by reducing internal and external exclusion].
- » Developing social skills.
- » Supporting a smooth transition into the next key stage or new place of learning.

The PEP action plan will show the baseline data, target for improvement, expected outcomes and cost of support.

- » National research has shown that one to one tuition has a disproportionately positive impact for children in care. Providing this will be a priority in the first instance.

When will Pupil Premium Plus not be allocated?

Pupil Premium Plus will not be used to double fund or replace funding which should already have been allocated to the school to support a child e.g:

- » To fund services that should be provided via an Education, Health and Care plan.
- » A Statutory Assessment or support from health services.
- » The interventions put in place do not require any funding.
- » The school's own funding covers the cost of the interventions.
- » The PEP action plan does not meet standard requirements.
- » Where previously schools may have used the LAC Pupil Premium to fund interventions for other learners, for example, interventions which did not link to the needs of an individual LAC child, such use will no longer be possible.

If you require further information on Pupil Premium Plus or the education of Looked After Children please contact the Virtual School.



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