

Pupil Premium

“Every child should be given the chance to realise their potential at school, regardless of their background.

We are committed to supporting all disadvantaged pupils in England and have put in place support, such as the pupil premium, for [schools](#) to address the challenges to success that these pupils face.” DFE

THE PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium (PP) is additional funding allocated to schools based on the number of pupils who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point over the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM'). The Pupil Premium is aimed at addressing the current underlying inequalities that exist between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers. The Pupil Premium was initially introduced in April 2011.

Funding for financial year 2023-24

Schools will receive the following funding for each pupil registered as eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years:

- £1,035 for pupils in year 7 to year 11
- £2,530 for any pupils who have been adopted from care or have left care

The funding for pupils who are looked after by a local authority, and attract the £2,530 rate, is managed by the **virtual school head** of the local authority that looks after the pupil.

Free School Meals eligibility

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible for free school meals.

To apply for free school meals please click [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk)

All applications for FSM are processed through Trafford Council. Please note your child is under no obligation to have free school meals but by successfully applying your child will attract pupil premium funding.

Service pupil premium (SPP)

Service pupil premium is additional funding for schools, but it is not based on disadvantage. It has been combined into pupil premium payments to make it easier for schools to manage their spending.

Schools get £335 in 2023 to 2024 for every pupil with a parent who:

- is serving in HM Forces
- has retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence

The intended effect of this funding is to accelerate progress and raise attainment, improving educational outcomes for these pupils.

To ensure that Pupil Premium funding is focused on effective approaches to raising the educational attainment of disadvantaged pupils, schools are required to follow a 'menu of approaches' as set out by the Department for Education. The 'menu' sets out a 3-tired approach focusing on:

1. Supporting high-quality teaching, such as professional development for staff
2. Providing targeted academic support
3. Tackling non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties in attendance, behaviour and social and emotional wellbeing

Who is eligible for pupil premium and recovery premium?

To be eligible for pupil premium or recovery premium, pupils must be:

- Currently eligible for free school meals (FSM) or have been eligible for FSM at any point in the last 6 years
- Looked after by the local authority
- Previously looked after by the local authority or other state care.

In addition to the above, for recovery premium, all pupils in special schools, special educational needs units in mainstream schools, Pupil Referral Units and general hospital schools are eligible.

Following the impact of the [COVID-19 pandemic](#), the DFE also introduced the recovery premium grant.

Recovery premium is a time-limited grant which provided over £300million of additional funding for state-funded schools in the 2021 to 22 academic year and is providing a further £1billion across the 2022 to 23 and 2023 to 24 academic years.

Pupil premium and recovery premium are not a personal budget for eligible pupils.

Schools can also use the funding to support non-eligible pupils where they have identified needs, for example, pupils who have or have had a [social worker](#) or are a carer.

In addition, schools can use the funding on whole class approaches, for example, high-quality teaching, which will also benefit non-disadvantaged pupils.

All members of staff and governors at TAEP are committed to meeting disadvantaged pupils' pastoral, social and academic needs within the school environment. TAEP is committed to 'diminishing the difference' between disadvantaged pupils and others and the Pupil Premium forms a vital part of that process.

All schools are required to report on the amount of funding received, how this is being used, and the impact of any work. These reports can be found below

Pupil Premium Policy and Statement

The policy and statement outline how Trafford Alternative Education Provision plans to utilise the Pupil Premium (PP) funding to effectively raise standards of attainment and achievement for **all pupils**.