

# PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

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## FOREWORD

Freedom Foundation AP is a site for KS1 & KS2 Alternative Provision. They are referred to as Freedom Foundation AP/AP for the benefit of students and this document.

## 01 AIMS AND AP CONTEXT

This policy aims to:

- Provide background information about the pupil premium grant so all members of the AP community understand its purpose and which pupils are eligible
- Set out how the AP will make decisions on pupil premium spending
- Summarise the roles and responsibilities of those involved in managing the pupil premium in the AP

The AP does not have direct access to Pupil Premium funding for students, pupil premium for students will be organised by the Home-Schools, the Home-Schools must provide Freedom Foundation AP with information as to which students receive pupil premium.

## 02 LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

This policy is based on the pupil premium [allocations and conditions of grant guidance 2024 to 2025](#), published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is also based on guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [using the pupil premium](#), [virtual school heads' responsibilities concerning the pupil premium](#), and the [service pupil premium](#).

## 03 PURPOSE OF THE GRANT

The pupil premium grant is additional funding allocated to publicly funded schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged students and support students with parents/carers in the armed forces.

Freedom Foundation AP will use the grant to support these groups, which comprise students with a range of different abilities, to narrow any achievement gaps between them and their peers.

We also recognise that not all students eligible for pupil premium funding will have lower attainment than their peers. In such cases, the grant will be used to help improve students' progress and attainment so they can reach their full potential.

## 04 USE OF THE GRANT

We expect our cohort of students to be from a variety of areas and understand that some students will be disadvantaged by having additional, if not special, education needs.

Our use of the pupil premium will align with the approaches included in the DfE's [‘menu of approaches’](#) and will be informed by research evidence, such as the [EEF Guide to the Pupil Premium](#) published by the [Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\)](#).

The home school for each student will publish their strategy statement on the school's use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the conditions of grant, and using the templates on GOV.UK.

## 05 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Eligible students fall into the categories explained below.

### 05.1 EVER 6 FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Students recorded in the most recent January school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance).

This includes students first known to be eligible for FSM in the most recent January census.

This also includes students with no recourse to public funds (NRPF). The government has permanently extended FSM eligibility to include children in all households with NRPF.

It does not include students who received universal infant free school meals but would not have otherwise received free lunches.

### 05.2 LOOKED-AFTER CHILDREN

Students who are in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority in England or Wales for at least

one day.

Allocations will be provisionally based on the children looked after data return in March of the previous year, and then confirmed in December of the current year based on the children looked after data return in March of the current year.

### **05.3 PREVIOUSLY LOOKED-AFTER CHILDREN**

Students recorded in the most recent January census who:

- Were looked after by a local authority or other state care immediately before being adopted, or
- Left local authority or other state care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order

This includes children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales.

### **05.4 EVER 6 SERVICE CHILDREN**

Students recorded in the most recent January census:

- With a parent/carer serving in the regular armed forces
- Who have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance), including those first recorded as such in the most recent January census
- In receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence because one of their prents/carers dies while serving in the armed forces

## **06 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **06.1 HEAD OF PROVISION AND SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The head of provision is responsible for:

- Keeping this policy up to date, and ensuring it is implemented across the AP
- Ensuring all AP staff are aware of their role in raising the attainment of disadvantaged students and supporting students with parents/carers in the armed forces

- Planning pupil premium spending and keeping this under constant review, using an evidence-based approach, and working with virtual school heads where appropriate
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of students eligible for the pupil premium to assess the impact of the AP's use of the funding
- Reporting on the impact of pupil premium spending to the governing board on an ongoing basis
- Publishing the pupil premium spending statement on the AP's use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the AP's website, in line with the DfE's guidance on using the pupil premium and using the templates on GOV.UK
- Providing relevant training for AP staff, as necessary, on supporting disadvantaged students and raising attainment

## 06.2 ADVISORYS

The advisory board is responsible for:

- Holding the head of provision to account for the implementation of this policy
- Ensuring the AP is using pupil premium funding appropriately, in line with the rules set out in the conditions of grant
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of students eligible for the pupil premium, in conjunction with the head of provision, to assess the impact and effectiveness of the AP's use of the funding
- Monitoring whether the AP is ensuring value for money in its use of the pupil premium
- Challenging the head of provision to use the pupil premium in the most effective way
- Setting the AP's ethos and values around supporting disadvantaged members of the AP community

## 06.3 OTHER AP STAFF

All AP staff are responsible for:

- Implementing this policy on a day-to-day basis

- Setting high expectations for all students, including those eligible for the pupil premium
- Identifying students whose attainment is not improving in response to interventions funded by the pupil premium, and highlighting these individuals to the senior leadership team
- Sharing insights into effective practice with other AP staff

## 06.4 VIRTUAL SCHOOL HEADS

Virtual school heads are responsible for managing pupil premium funding for children looked after by a local authority and allocating it to schools/APs. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying the eligible looked-after children and informing the local authority
- Making sure methods for allocating and spending ensure that looked-after children benefit without delay
- Working with each looked-after child's educational setting to put together a personal education plan, agree how pupil premium funding will be spent to meet the need identified in this plan, and ensure the funding is spent in this way
- Demonstrating how pupil premium funding is raising the achievement of looked-after children

Virtual school heads are in charge of promoting the educational achievement of all the children looked after by the local authority they work for.

## 07 REVIEW

Freedom Foundation AP keep this policy under regular review:

Review of this policy: April 2025

Next review date: April 2026

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