



Hampshire and IOW Virtual School

F.A.O School Designated Teacher, School Business Manager and Headteachers

Pupil Premium for Previously Looked After Children Reminder

This is a reminder to ensure all new pupils who arrive in September in your schools, who are eligible for PLAC Pupil Premium (PP), are recorded on your school records and census returns.

Schools October Census return will determine the level of funding you receive for each designation of PP. Data has shown that the number of Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) drop significantly in Year 7 data, meaning they are not recorded in Census returns.

To qualify for PLAC status children need to have been in the care of a Local Authority for at least one day, before a new order of permanence; that is Adoption, Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangement Order (previously Residency Orders).

PLAC children are entitled to the highest level of PP - £2530. Please make sure your school enrolment forms include all types and eligibilities for PP, especially PLAC children.

Remember if you have children in care who belong to Hampshire County Council, their PP will be paid via the Virtual School to your school. All other PP is paid direct via DfE and HCC based on your Census returns.

Pupil Premium funding is provided to improve the education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Schools should ensure that pupil premium is focused on effective approaches to raising the educational attainment of disadvantaged pupils, schools must use their pupil premium in line with the [‘menu of approaches’](#) set by the Department for Education.

The designated teacher has a key role in ensuring that the specific needs of previously looked-after children are reflected in how you use your pupil premium. Your designated teacher should:

- ensure adoptive parents and guardians are aware that they can declare their child eligible for pupil premium and work with them in deciding how the funding should be used
- consult the Virtual School Head on how to use the funding effectively, where appropriate
- be the main contact for queries about how pupil premium is being used to support previously looked-after children

Please remember to use Hampshire Education Plans (EPACs) as best practice to support PLAC children in your school. All of these and other resources are available via the [Virtual School website](#). Should any school need support around children in care or previously in care (CIC and PLAC) please contact the virtual school: virtuelschool@hants.gov.uk.

[Pupil premium: overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Pupil premium: allocations and conditions of grant 2023-24 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Using pupil premium | EEF \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

Vision

Working in partnership, all children we care for will have high quality education and support so they are prepared for life.

Purpose

The Virtual School promotes a culture of high aspirations, progress and achievements for all our vulnerable children and young people.