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# Pupil premium

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## Eligibility and funding amounts

The pupil premium grant (PPG) is money given to schools to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers, and to support pupils with parents in the armed forces (this part of it is also known as the 'service premium').

You receive money for each pupil of compulsory school age who fits the eligibility criteria. There are 5 categories of eligibility, with different amounts of funding attached.

## Allocation

The grant is allocated in line with the financial year, which begins in April. From April 2021, the grant will be allocated based on the number of eligible pupils recorded at your school in the October 2020 census. If an eligible pupil joins after this census, you won't receive their allocation until the following year.

Maintained schools receive the grant through their local authority (LA). Academies receive it directly from the Education and Skills Funding Agency. All schools receive quarterly instalments.

Pupil premium funding for looked-after children (LAC) is allocated to the LA's virtual school head, rather than schools. The virtual school head will work with schools to decide how it'll be spent.

## Spending the grant

You can spend the grant as you see fit, as long as you can show your spending is improving the attainment of eligible pupils. You don't need to spend an equal amount on each pupil, or fund interventions that benefit only eligible pupils. Don't spend the grant on free school meals, because there's different money for this.

## Publishing pupil premium information

The usual publishing requirements have been [relaxed because of coronavirus](#).

For maintained schools, for the **current academic year**, your strategy should set out:

- › The amount of the school's pupil premium allocation
- › The main barriers to educational achievement faced by eligible pupils, how the grant will be spent to address these barriers, the reasons for this approach and how impact will be measured
- › The date of the school's next review of its pupil premium strategy

If you're in an academy, you should check your funding agreement to confirm exactly what you must publish, but the Department for Education recommends you also publish the above information.

## Early years pupil premium

The early years pupil premium (EYPP) is for disadvantaged children aged 3 and 4 years old. All providers who are eligible to receive early education funding are also eligible to receive the EYPP.