

Report subject	Looked-After Children Pupil Premium Arrangements 2022-23
Meeting date	13 January 2022
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report advises Schools Forum members of the proposed arrangements for both the central retention and allocation to educational establishments of the Pupil Premium Plus Grant.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that members note the content of the draft policy, provide feedback on any areas they would like considered for amendment by the Virtual School Senior Leadership team to enable the policy to be finalised and published in early March 2022.
Reason for recommendations	The Pupil Premium Plus grant is provided by the Department for Education with clear terms and conditions but carries an element of local discretion. Schools' forum has membership from all phases of education and other associated stakeholders. Those members views are welcomed to support the thinking and rationale of this local discretion. This will guide the Virtual School to produce a policy that can meet the needs of all Looked-after Children both in and out of education.

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Wards	All Wards
Classification	For Information

Background

1. The Pupil Premium Plus grant is provided to all Local Authorities to support the main statutory duty of the Virtual School Headteacher which is, 'to promote the educational achievement of the children they look after'.
2. BCP Council Looked-after Children are not only located in the BCP area as some are placed with carers across England, Wales and Scotland. The policy we publish covers all Looked after Children irrespective of where they are currently placed. Each Local Authority must set up arrangements for allocating pupil premium funding to benefit all those Looked-after children.
3. The method we use for allocating and spending the funding should be simple so that our looked-after children can benefit from the funding without delay. We must make sure that schools, settings and other providers spend their pupil premium funding for looked-after children to help meet the needs identified in the children's personal education plans (PEPs).
4. The PEPs should demonstrate how the pupil premium funding is raising the achievement of our looked-after children and agree how pupil premium funding will be spent to meet the needs identified in the child's personal education plan (PEP).
5. The policy we publish covers all these requirements.

Options Appraisal

6. This section is not applicable.

Summary of financial implications

7. This section is not applicable.

Summary of legal implications

8. This section is not applicable.

Summary of human resources implications

9. This section is not applicable.

Summary of sustainability impact

10. This section is not applicable.

Summary of public health implications

11. This section is not applicable.

Summary of equality implications

12. This section is not applicable.

Summary of risk assessment

13. There are no risks associated with this report.

Background papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Appendices

BCP Council Pupil Premium Plus policy 2022-2023.