

SCHOOLS FORUM



Report subject	Looked After Children Pupil Premium Arrangements 2024-25
Meeting date	6 February 2024
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report accompanies the document called the BCP Pupil Premium (PP+ and PP+ post 16) policy April 2024 to March 2025. The policy is in draft format and aims to inform the reader of our intention to spend the grant funding provided by the DfE including allocation to schools and central retention.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: The contents of the draft policy are noted for information purposes and members ask any questions for clarity of content. Feedback from members is welcomed for consideration pending a final version of the policy to be produced in March after DfE guidance is released.
Reason for recommendations	To ensure compliance with the conditions of grant.

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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Information

Background

1. Annually, the Virtual Schools is provided with grants from the DfE to support the educational outcomes of Looked after Children. The conditions of the PPG+ grant stipulate that 'processes for allocating the funds should be as simple as possible to avoid delay. The policy document attached stipulates the process and covers this specific section of the grant conditions.
2. The PP+ post 16 grant has been part of a pilot project since 2021 issued under a letter of agreement (not statutory guidance). This grant is now a universal grant for all Local Authorities and for 24-25 we expect grant conditions to be within the PP+ statutory guidance document due to be published at the end of March 24.

Options Appraisal

3. N/A as this report is for information only.

Summary of financial implications

4. N/A as this report is for information only.

Summary of legal implications

5. N/A as this report is for information only.

Summary of human resources implications

6. N/A as this report is for information only.

Summary of sustainability impact

7. N/A as this report is for information only.

Summary of public health implications

8. N/A as this report is for information only.

Summary of equality implications

9. N/A as this report is for information only.

Summary of risk assessment

10. N/A as this report is for information only.

Background papers

DfE Grant conditions for 24-25 will not be finalised until March 24. This link is for the current financial years grant conditions by way of example.

[Pupil premium: allocations and conditions of grant 2023-24 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/91444/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2023-24.pdf)

Appendices

BCP Pupil Premium (PP and PP+) policy April 2024 to March 2025 (draft version 1.1)
