

Pupil Premium Guidance in Brighton & Hove

Pupil Premium

The government provides a set amount of money per annum (£1,900) for each child in care who is of statutory school age (5-16) to provide extra support for their education.

In Brighton & Hove this money comes to the Virtual School and we allocate it according to need through the Personal Education Plan (PEP) process. Not all children need the full £1,900 and some children, including those who have more recently come into care, need a higher level of funding. This is why we use the PEP to make sure that the money is being spent on the right children at the right time.

The money must be spent to improve the educational attainment of the child but this may mean different things for different children. Some of these needs may include:

- Additional help (including tuition)
- School counselling
- Special equipment
- Opportunity to do something extracurricular
- Extra support when changing schools

The vast majority of this money will be spent by the school. The key thing to note is that spend has to be able to demonstrate impact on educational outcomes. The school is accountable for these educational outcomes will therefore lead decision making on the first £1,900. This will also need to be agreed by the Virtual School, but if the principles set out below are adhered to it is likely to be agreed.

The use of the Pupil Premium should be bespoke to the child and be used for evidence based interventions. Examples of good use of this funding include the following:

- ✓ 1:1 tuition, particularly in exam years for revision
- ✓ Contribution towards small group work in English or Maths
- ✓ Interventions such as Every Child a Reader; Every Child Counts
- ✓ Specific support for behaviour that reduces exclusion or aids learning
- ✓ Staff training so they can better support a specific individual e.g. attachment
- ✓ Music, sport, other lessons or visits that significantly enrich a child's education above the level a foster carer would be expected to fund
- ✓ School counselling where the cost is significant

It is important to note that Pupil Premium **cannot** be used for:

- Costs that a foster carer would be expected to pay for such as basic school equipment; uniform; swimming lessons; cub uniform
- Activities that a school would normally be expected to pay for e.g. core educational provision; staff costs of a designated teacher or SENCO
- Costs that health or social care would normally be expected to pay for e.g. mental health support such as psychotherapy or extended counselling

- Costs that social care would be expected to pay for such as life story work
- A PEP meeting can only agree spend up to £1,900. If spend is to go above this over a school year then this spend can only be agreed by the fortnightly Virtual School Pupil Premium Panel.

Carers should attend PEP meetings termly. They provide an opportunity to discuss children's educational progress and make plans to help them reach their full potential. The Pupil Premium will also be discussed at these meetings.

To allow for flexibility and reduce bureaucracy in making payments £500 is paid per child to the school. This means that the school will be expected to pay for the first £500 of any intervention and for small costs or small items of equipment.

Tuition

To ensure that children in care have the best chance possible to achieve good GCSEs, including English and Maths, the Virtual School can fund two hours a week for Key Stage 4 1:1 tuition. We are also able to offer tuition to all school age children in care who may have missed bits of their education and need to catch up. Funding for tuition is not restricted to support for children who are behind their peers in attainment, it can also be used to stretch more able pupils and ensure they fulfil their potential. Tuition is arranged through the termly PEP process.

Appendix 1 is the letter that is sent out to every school outlining their allocation.

Appendix 1

Dear Headteacher

Re: Pupil Premium allocation for academic year 2017/18

I am writing to inform you about the arrangements for the Pupil Premium for Children in Care during academic year 2017-18. We will issue the Pupil Premium funding in two parts as detailed below.

Part One

- During June 2017, £500 will be issued to maintained schools and academies for each Brighton and Hove Child in Care (in advance of the start of the academic year).
- It is important that this money is specifically used for Children in Care and this spend should be planned on the next Personal Education Plan (PEP).
- This money could be spent on a range of activities including mentoring, tuition, attachment or other training for staff as long as it benefits the educational outcomes of Children in Care.
- In the case of children in preschool and Year 6 the money will be transferred to their new school in October 2017.
- Children who are currently in Year 11 will not receive an allocation.

Part Two

- A further amount of up to £1,400 per child can be released on receipt of a completed Personal

Education Plan (PEP) that outlines a total spend of up to a £1,900 for academic year 2017/18 and the impact this is expected to have.

- This spend would need to be authorised by a Virtual School Adviser.
- Any further funding must be applied for by 15th December 2017.

How you will receive your Pupil Premium

➤ **Brighton & Hove Schools**

If you are a local authority school then you will automatically have the money transferred directly to your unique budget code so please look out for this during June 2017.

➤ **Brighton & Hove Academies /Schools & Academies outside Brighton & Hove**

*****If you are an academy in Brighton and Hove or an out of authority school, please can you respond to this email with an invoice for the amount on the attached document to Hadia Saeh: hadia.saeh@brighton-hove.gov.uk *****

Please note that in the case of tuition the Virtual School will pay for this from the total Pupil Premium fund. If children are receiving tuition we would therefore see it as unusual for a school to apply for anything above the allocated £500. There are exceptional cases where a spend in excess of £1,900 might be requested and agreed through discussion with the Virtual School Adviser, but there will of course also be many instances where the £500 is more than sufficient.

If children come into care at a later point in the year, we will allocate to schools at a later time.

Brighton and Hove Virtual School only allocates funding for children in the care of the Brighton and Hove authority. If you have a child in the care of another authority, you should contact the Virtual Headteacher from that authority if you have not yet had any communication.

If you have any difficulties with this, I am happy to support you in finding the appropriate contact; however, I have no influence on how other authorities deploy their Pupil Premium.

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- ✓ 1:1 tuition, particularly in exam years for revision (although currently the Virtual School can organise this using Pupil Premium money)
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The Virtual School will produce a statement at the end of the year on how Pupil Premium has been spent across the authority and the impact this has had on outcomes. Being able to retrieve this information from the PEP will reduce the administration burden to schools.

This is a significant amount of funding coming to the Local Authorities' Children in Care and a real opportunity to help narrow the gap between all children. We are keen to work in partnership with you to ensure the very best outcomes for these children.

Should you have any further questions about this or any other matter then please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the Virtual School Advisers.

Yours faithfully

Mark Storey
Headteacher
Virtual School for Children in Care and Children Previously in Care

Allocation of Pupil Premium for 2017/18 Academic Year

Below you will find the details of your school's Pupil Premium entitlement based on the current number of Children in Care you have at your school. This number excludes any children who are in Year 6 or Reception as their allocations will be sent through once they are in their new schools in October 2017.

You will receive an allocation of £500 for the child/children listed below for 2017/18 academic year, however, please note that an additional £1,400 can be released on receipt of a completed PEP that outlines a total spend of up to £1,900. This spend would then need to be authorised by a Virtual School Adviser. Please be aware that any costs directly met by the Virtual School would need to be taken into account.

XXXXX Academy currently has **1** Children in Care (excluding Y6 and Reception), which means your allocation will be a total of **£500**. (See below for info on how to access this money).

Name of Child in Care	Year Group	Amount to be allocated	Maximum Amount available in academic year 2017/18
XXXXXX XXX	Year 7	£500	£1900

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Further details can be found at:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/virtual-school-children-care>

Or Telephone 01273 293992 or contact virtualschool@brighton-hove.gov.uk