

What is Pupil Premium Funding?

The pupil premium grant is funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England. The funding rate in 2025/26 per eligible pupil is £1515 for FSM and Ever6 and £2630 for LAC or Post LAC.

Who Is Eligible for funding?

The following groups are eligible for pupil premium:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals (FSM) or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (Ever6) including eligible children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- children looked after by local authorities, referred to as looked-after children (LAC)
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, referred to as previously looked-after children (Post LAC)

How do we use the Pupil Premium funding?

At All Saints, we use pupil premium funding to:

- support high-quality teaching, such as staff professional development
- provide targeted academic support, such as tutoring, including through the National Tutoring Programme
- tackle non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties in attendance, behaviour and social and emotional wellbeing

Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits eligible pupils.

Pupil premium can be used to support other pupils with identified needs, such as pupils who have or have had a social worker, or pupils who act as a carer. It can also be used for whole class interventions, for example high-quality teaching, which will also benefit non-disadvantaged pupils.

Service pupil premium

Service pupil premium is additional funding for schools with pupils who have parents serving in the armed forces. It has been combined into pupil premium payments to make it easier for schools to manage their spending.

Pupils in state-funded schools in England attract the service pupil premium grant, at the rate of £350 per eligible pupil in financial year 2025-26, if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces, including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service - this includes pupils with a parent who is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England
- registered as a 'service child' on any school census in the past 6 years
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

This funding is primarily to enable schools to offer pastoral support and help mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment. It can also be used to help improve the academic progress of eligible pupils if the school deems this to be a priority.

