

## Pupil Premium – General Introduction

### What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is funding provided to schools that is in addition to the school's main funding. After national research in 2010, it was shown quite clearly that the number of disadvantaged students leaving full-time education at age 16 with 5 or more good GCSEs (grades A\* - C) was significantly lower than those from more advantaged backgrounds.

Therefore, the main aim of the Pupil Premium is to enable such students to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by their school so that they leave school having achieved broadly in line with their peers. At Townley, our aim is to ensure that all of our students achieve the very best that they can, irrespective of their background or situation.

### Which students qualify for Pupil Premium funding?

Since its introduction in 2011, the Pupil Premium scheme has been extended each academic year to include a wider range of students. Students eligible for funding are:

**EVER 6 FSM:** The Pupil Premium for 2015 to 2016 will include students recorded in the January 2015 School Census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) in any of the previous six years (ie since Summer 2009), as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2015

**CHILDREN ADOPTED FROM CARE OR WHO HAVE LEFT CARE:** The Pupil Premium for 2015 to 2016 will include students recorded in the January 2015 School Census and Alternative Provision Census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order). These are collectively referred to as post-CLA in these conditions of grant.

**EVER 5 SERVICE CHILD:** For the purposes of these grant conditions, Ever 5 Service child means a student recorded in the January 2015 School Census who was eligible for the Service child premium in any of the previous four years (ie since the January 2011 School Census) as well as those recorded as a Service child for the first time on the January 2015 School Census.

Funding for the current Academic Year (2015/2016)	Pupil Premium per student
<b>Disadvantaged Students</b>	
Students in Year groups Reception to Year 6 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£1,320
Students in Years 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£935
Looked-After Children (CLA) defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority	£1,900
Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order	£1,900
<b>Service Children</b>	
Students in Year groups Reception to Year 11 recorded as Ever 5 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence	£300

If a student has been registered as eligible for free school meals and has also left local-authority care for any of the reasons above, they will attract the £1,900 rate

Children who have been in local-authority care for one day or more also attract £1,900 of Pupil Premium funding. Funding for these students doesn't go to their school; it goes to the [virtual school head \(VSH\)](#) in the local authority that looks after the child. [VSHs are responsible for managing Pupil Premium funding for Looked-After Children](#)

Please use links below to access further information with reference to Pupil Premium.

Letter to Parents January 2014 Pupil Premium Plan for 2012/2013  
Pupil Premium Plan for 2013/2014  
Evaluation of Pupil Premium (PP) Plan 2013/2014  
Pupil Premium Plan (PP) 2014/2015  
Evaluation of Pupil Premium (PP) Plan 2014/15  
Pupil Premium Plan (PP) 2015/16