

Pupil Premium

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the students who need it most.

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who are currently on FSM and those who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM').

Schools also receive funding for children who:

- are currently looked after
- have been looked after
- are adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002
- have left care under a special guardianship or residence order
- are children of service personnel

The Government believes that head teachers and school leaders should decide how to use the Pupil Premium. They are held accountable for the decisions they make through:

- the performance tables which show the performance of disadvantaged pupils compared with their peers
- the new Ofsted inspection framework, under which inspectors focus on the attainment of pupil groups, in particular those who attract the Pupil Premium
- the new reports for parents that schools now have to publish online

Please see the document below for details on how the grant is spent at LDE UTC.