EGGLESCLIFFE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Parent's & Carer's Guide to The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

For further information please visit our website:

https://egglescliffe.org.uk/funding-and-premiums/

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What is Pupil Premium?
Pupil Premium is extra funding from the government for schools to support students who are from a low-income household ('Targeted FSM'), were previously in care or adopted from care, or have a parent in the armed forces (this is called **Service Pupil Premium**). Right now, schools get **£1,075** for disadvantaged pupils, **£2630** for PLAC/adopted children and **£350** for service children.

Pupil Premium Plus
Pupil Premium Plus is for children who are in the care of the local authority. The Department for Education (DfE) understands that these children may have faced challenges and need extra support. Schools receive **£2630** for each child in this category, and the money goes to the **Virtual School**, which helps coordinate education services for these children.

What is it for?
The Pupil Premium grant is intended to help schools improve the education of eligible children, helping them catch up with their peers. However, it doesn't mean that each child will receive money directly. Schools decide how to spend the funds. The Service Pupil Premium is mainly for emotional and pastoral support, not for funding school trips or after-school clubs.

How long is the grant paid for?
The Pupil Premium Grant is available for **six years** after your child first received free school meals (if they are 'Targeted FSM'). This funding can follow your child from primary to secondary school. The Service Pupil Premium is also paid for six years for any child identified as a service child.

How do I qualify?
To check if your child is eligible for 'Free School Meals' (FSM), visit the Trust website here to find the eligibility criteria and apply online.

What does the Pupil Premium Grant cover at Egglescliffe School?

At Egglescliffe School, we aim to help students who receive the Pupil Premium Grant not only excel academically but also grow into confident and motivated individuals. We provide various opportunities for cultural, personal, and social development, tailoring spending to meet each child's unique needs and interests.
Each year, we publish a **Pupil Premium Strategy** on our website. This document outlines how we plan to use the funding for the upcoming academic year, based on the specific needs of our eligible students.
We follow the Department for Education (DfE) guidelines for spending the Pupil Premium Grant and use a three-tier approach:

1.Teaching:

1. Focus on staff training and retention.
2. Emphasise structured self and peer assessments for feedback.
3. Develop literacy and speaking skills.
4. Set specific targets for students who need extra help.
5. Assess to identify learning gaps and provide targeted interventions.
6. Communicate learning barriers through a *Pupil Premium Passport*.

2.Targeted Academic Support:

1. Provide support for attendance issues.
2. Implement assertive mentoring.
3. Offer behaviour support.

3.Wider Strategies:

1. Employ Key Stage 5 academic support assistants.
2. Enhance communication among key staff members.
3. Use volunteer mentors to support student mental health and wellbeing.
4. Help students engage in extracurricular activities (like trips and music lessons).
5. Provide revision materials and support for school uniforms (up to £50).

My child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. What happens next?

If your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, they will be added to the school's Pupil Premium register. Each child will receive a personalised **Pupil Premium Passport**. This passport will be available to their subject teachers, helping them provide tailored support.

My child is eligible for the 'Expanded Free School Meals'. What happens next?

Unlike 'Targeted FSM', the Expanded FSM category provides free daily meals only. It does not make the child eligible for additional benefits like Pupil Premium funding, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, or Ever 6 disadvantage tracking.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Mrs. Gerrard (Assistant Headteacher) at **a.gerrard@egglescliffe.org.uk**.

Privacy Notice

At Egglescliffe School, we are committed to upholding your privacy and treating the information that we handle securely and confidentially. To administer the Pupil Premium Grant effectively your information is shared in the following way:

- Free school meals eligibility is shared with the Department for Education (DfE) via the school census. This is how entitlement to PPG is calculated. The census is taken from our Arbor database and shared securely with the DfE.
- Electronic records and Pupil Premium Passports in Classcharts and Arbor are used for tracking pupil progress—these are secure documents accessed by teaching and administration staff.

If you have any queries or concerns over how your information is handled please contact our Data Protection Officer dpo@sparkeducation.org.uk.