

EXTRA FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Make sure your child's school is not missing out on an extra £2,300 each year to support their education

If you're caring for a child under a **Special Guardianship Order**, additional funding is available to ensure they are given extra support at school.

Called **Pupil Premium Plus (PP+)**, funding up to £2,300 is available to each pupil from reception to Year 11 who was previously looked after and have left care in England and Wales under an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order, (formerly residence orders).

If your child has recently moved schools and you haven't informed the school of their status you will need to contact the school as overleaf.



The school may not know of your child's situation, and it's up to you as their Guardian to ensure they know your child meets the criteria – then the school can apply for the funding.



What you need to do?

Contact your child's Designated Teacher for previously looked after children (DT). All schools have one.

You will then need to provide documentary evidence (court order) to the school. They will just need to verify that your child has left public care in England and Wales. They don't need to hold a copy on record.

By when?

Please let your child's school know by the **first week in December** to ensure inclusion on the January Census Return so they don't miss out on additional support for next year.



What is a Designated Teacher?

All schools have a designated teacher and they have responsibility for supporting children who've been previously looked after to help them achieve well at school. Designated teachers should: work effectively with parents and carers, undertake appropriate training and gain a good understanding of your child's needs to ensure they're receiving the best support.

Is the funding ring fenced to my child?

The funding is not ring fenced to an individual child. The school can spend the funding either directly on your child, or perhaps to train staff in how best to support children and young people who have been in care.

WHERE CAN I ACCESS MORE INFORMATION AND ADVICE?

If you'd like more advice or information on Pupil Premium Plus for previously looked after children, contact your school's Designated Teacher in the first instance. Or for more advice, contact the Lincolnshire Virtual School Team, email virtualschool@lincolnshire.gov.uk