



CHANDLERS  
RIDGE ACADEMY

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

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## What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is an allowance from the Government given to schools for children who currently access or who have accessed free school meals (FSM) in the last 6 years or have a parent within the armed forces (Service Pupil Premium). Pupil Premium is currently £1480 per eligible pupil and £340 for service children.

## Pupil Premium Plus

Pupil Premium Plus is for looked after and previously looked after children (who are now adopted). The DfE acknowledge the enduring impact of trauma and loss in children's lives and the key role of schools in supporting children who have had a difficult start in life. Pupil Premium Plus is currently £2,570 per child. This is paid directly to the Virtual School (Local Authority body that ensures that educational services are effectively co-ordinated and that cared for children and young people get the best opportunities to reach their fullest potential).

## What is it for?

The Pupil Premium grant is an amount per child and it is intended that schools use this money to close the gap in attainment between pupils and their peers. **This does not mean that each pupil directly receives the grant; all spending decisions rest with the school.** The purpose of the Service Pupil Premium is to provide pastoral support (pupils will not receive funding for school trips and after school clubs).

## How long is the grant paid for?

PPG is paid to schools for six years from the academic year after your child received Free School Meals in school. The grant can move from primary to secondary school. Service Pupil Premium is paid for six years to schools, for any child who has been flagged as a service child.

## How do I qualify?

Finding out if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium is simple – visit the School and Education DfE website (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>) to check the eligibility criteria and apply online.



## **What does the Pupil Premium Grant cover at Chandlers Ridge?**

At Chandlers Ridge, we ensure that children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant not only progress academically, but also become more confident, motivated individuals, by providing opportunities for cultural, personal and social development. Money is spent based on the child's individual needs and interests.

Every year we publish a Pupil Premium Strategy on our website - this details how the school intends to spend the PPG received for the forthcoming academic year. The strategy is based on the needs of the individual pupils eligible for the grant.

## **We follow the DfE guidance in terms of spending the PPG, and therefore follow a three tier approach, as follows:**

- 1. Teaching** (for example CPD, recruitment and retention), with a specific focus on:
  - Feedback through structured self and peer assessment
  - Developing literacy and oracy
  - Specific target-setting and review for students who are under target
  - Assessment to identify gaps in learning, and bespoke targeted intervention to address issues
- 2. Targeted academic support**, with a specific focus on:
  - Attendance support
  - Wellbeing support
  - Behaviour support
- 3. Wider strategies**, with a specific focus on:
  - Improved communication between key staff members
  - Support to enable students to engage with the extracurricular offer (e.g. trips)
  - Provision of revision materials, uniform support (£50 cap)



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

Any child eligible for Pupil Premium will be added to the school Pupil Premium register.

If you have any questions, regarding the information in this document, please contact

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At Chandlers Ridge Academy, 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 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@valt.org.uk](mailto:dpo@valt.org.uk).