

## Pupil Premium Plus (PPG+) Information

Pupil Premium Plus was introduced in 2013.

“This guidance and policy document has been produced by Croydon Virtual School for children we care for and care leavers. It draws on the current Department for Education (DfE) Pupil premium conditions of grant 2023-24 and statutory guidance for LAs and Designated Teachers where Pupil Premium for children looked after is specifically referenced:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-the-education-of-looked-after-children>”

PPG+ Funding is allocated to Virtual Schools for the number of Looked After Children in care. The PPG+ allowance is based on the figures provided by local authorities in their statutory annual returns.

Pupil Premium Plus is separate from The Pupil Premium.

It must be used to support the educational outcomes and to raise the attainment of Looked After Children, of statutory school age, attending schools and close the attainment gap between them and their peers (Reception-Y11). A link of the poli

The fund is managed and administered by the Virtual School in each authority. Each Virtual School can administer PPG+ funding how they wish. There is no requirement from the DfE for Virtual Schools to distribute the funding in same way.

PPG+ does not have to be distributed on a per capita basis, given that CLA in care have differing levels of need at different stages of being in care. It is not a personal allowance for each child.

Croydon processes PPG+ funding on the Financial Year as this is how we receive the funds from the DfE. Funding for the 2024/25 covers the following terms: Summer 2024, Autumn 2024 & Spring 2025.

The release of funding is linked to the creation of SMART targets within the PEP document. This is where the amount required to support the intervention can be requested. It is important that interventions supported by PPG+ are evidence-based and in the best interest of the child.

Targets should be SMART and include as much information as possible on the young persons’:

- Current situation – where is the young person now in their learning journey?
- Where should the young person aim to be in their learning journey?
- What improvement would you expect to see?
- What will help support your young person to make this improvement?
- How will success be measured?
- What is deadline to achieve this goal?

**Early Years Pupil Premium Funding:**

- Early Years funding for the year 2024/25 is £388.00 per eligible child
- Parents should complete the Voluntary Model Form to check eligibility for EY Pupil Premium

**Early years pupil premium: model form and letter for parents - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**

- The funds are paid by the local authority via the Early Years Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)
- This funding is not administered by Croydon Virtual School

**Post 16: 16-19 Bursary funding:**

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education. The 2024/25 allocation is £1,200 per eligible student. Students should only receive the amount they actually need to participate, and institutions must not automatically award the full allocation if the student does not need the full amount. Please check with individual colleges for their eligibility criteria.

Institutions can draw the funding down by completing and submitting a bursary for vulnerable groups funding claim via the Student Bursary Support Service (SBSS) online portal. Further details on eligibility and the draw down process can be found here:

[16 to 19 Bursary Fund guide 2024 to 2025 academic year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)