

HVS Quick Guide to Pupil Premium Plus 2023 / 24



Pupil Premium Plus (PPP) is a sum of money allocated to local authorities to be used for the benefit of the educational needs of their Looked After Children as described in their Personal Education Plan (PEP).

The amount of PPP each local authority receives is based on an allocation of £2,530 per child for the number of statutory school age Looked After Children for at least one day, as recorded in specific data returns.

The amount of £2,530 is confirmed for financial year 2023/24 but is subject to review and change. The DfE guidance on PPP can be viewed [here](#).

This funding is allocated according to the financial year, and if unspent may not be carried forward by the VS to the next financial year. Any unspent funds are returned to the DfE.

PPP is managed by the VSH. This is based on the premise that the VSH is best placed to know how to use the funding to maximise educational outcomes for Looked After Children in their local authority.

PPP is awarded to Looked After Children who are of Statutory School Age. For those children who are younger than this in the Early Years, [Pupil Premium](#) is awarded directly to the education setting. This can be up to £353.

VSH's responsibilities

In deciding on the use of PPP, the VSH will take into account the following:

- The funding should be used according to the child's needs; some children will be allocated more or less than others as their needs vary. **It is important to remember that although the funding is allocated on a 'per head' basis, this is not an entitlement**
- Allocation of PPP should be linked to the content of the child's Personal Education Plan (PEP), and in particular the PEP targets
- PPP may be pooled to provide activities to benefit the local authority's Looked After Children more holistically
- In agreement with the VS, schools who have more than one Looked After Child may choose to pool the funds they receive to provide extra support, such as employing a teaching assistant
- There is no requirement to pass on PPP funding to non-maintained schools

Hillingdon Virtual School's approach to PPP

- HVS will allocate PPP to schools on a monthly basis. Where possible, this will be the month following the PEP meeting, but this is dependent on when in the month the meeting is held. For example, if a PEP is held in early October, monies will be released in November. If the meeting was held from the mid-point of October, monies will be released in December. The VSO will be able to confirm the date of release of funds at the PEP meeting.
- Schools can request up to £2000 per academic year.
- The VSH will allocate based on the targets set at the PEP meeting.

To read about our approach to PPP in more detail, please request a copy of our handbook from virtualschooladmin@hillindon.gov.uk.

How can it be used?

All proposed PPP spend **MUST** be recorded in the young person's PEP and link directly to at least one of their targets. PPP spends or proposed spends must detail the rationale and intended or evidenced impact of its use.

Example Target Below

The screenshot shows a 'SMART TARGETS' form for Target #18783. The form is divided into several sections:

- Target #18783**: Created at 25/08/2022, Status.
- Area of focus**: Academic Achievement (dropdown).
- Current Situation**: Harry is regularly disengaging from lessons and exhibits challenging behaviours once disengaged. He has received over 75 negative behaviour points since the last PEP. Harry has several detentions each week. He has had 3 internal suspensions since the last PEP. Harry is at risk of external suspension.
- Negotiated Measurable Target:** Harry to receive no higher than 50 negative behaviour point and to reduce the number of weekly detentions.
- Actions**: Fact file on child to be produced identifying triggers which is shared with teachers. Positive interventions and strategies to be shared. Behaviour mentor to be commissioned who will observe Harry in lessons and around the school, provide bespoke feedback to teachers and have 1:1 sessions with Harry to support his engagement in lessons. Harry's learning styles to be assessed to identify if there are any underlying Learning needs which have not yet been identified and may be causing his disengagement.
- Intervention type**: Behaviour interventions (dropdown).
- Funding**: Pupil Premium Plus Request (dropdown).
- Costings**: £ 750.00.
- What will the funding purchase?**: 10 sessions with a Behaviour mentor and consultant.
- Success Criteria**: Harry's behaviour point between now and the next PEP will be lower. Harry will not have any internal suspensions. Harry will not have any external suspensions. Harry will be engaging in lessons and making expected progress.
- Time-Bound**: To be review by 12/12/2022.
- Review**: Radio buttons for Red, Amber, Green, Achieved, Not Achieved, Intervention in progress.
- Complete Date**: (empty field).
- Target Comments**: (empty text area).
- Relevant Person(s)**: List of roles with checkboxes: (Social Worker), (System Administrator), (Foster Carer), (Designated Teacher), (Independent Reviewing Officer).

At the bottom left, it says 'Target Created 25/08/2022' next to a green dot.

Setting SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time related) targets and having a clear and thorough understanding of what the young person's needs are should help identify the possible areas to use PPP.

No one size fits all, however below are some of the things PPP has been used to fund:

- Counselling and other therapeutic services
- EAL specific support
- Support teachers/targeted team teaching
- Alternative courses/provision off-site
- Curriculum enrichment
- Additional subject lessons/classes
- 1:1 tuition
- Learning equipment/resources (excluding laptops/computers/tablets)
- Behaviour support services