



SteinerAcademyExeter

## **The Steiner Academy Pupil Premium Funding**

**Awaiting ratification by AMC**

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Pupils who live in a family that are experiencing financial hardship, or are either Looked After or have previously been Looked After, and children whose parents have been in the Armed Forces; attract additional funding from the government for their school.

The government guidelines on the condition of grant to the school (maintained or academy) stipulates the following:

“The grant may be spent in the following ways:

- 1) For the purposes of the school; that is for the educational benefit of pupils registered at that school.
- 2) For the benefit of pupils registered at other maintained schools or academies.
- 3) On community facilities; for example, services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils at the school, their families, or people who live and work in the locality in which the school is situated.

### Different Categories of Pupils that Qualify for Pupil Premium Funding (PPF)

- 1) Looked After children:  
Children who are designated ‘LAC’ have a budget allocated to them by the Virtual School Head, rather than directly from the DFE. This money is ring-fenced and kept separately for each child, with the expectation that it is spent on things that will support that child in meeting their Personal Educational Plan outcomes.
- 2) Free School Meals (FSM) and Ever 6:  
This is where the parents are not in work and the child is entitled to free school meals. Children whose parents are then no longer in receipt of the benefit which entitles them to FSM, will still have a further 6 years of PPF, as the government recognises it takes that amount of time on average for a child’s needs to become on a par with children who have not needed FSM.  
The allocation of PPF differs for this group depending on the school phase they are in (primary or secondary). If a child is LAC or previously LAC and would receive PPF for being on FSM, the level of funding is pitched at the LAC/PLAC level, not the FSM/Ever 6.
- 3) Previously Looked After Children (PLAC):  
These children will have been previously looked after by the local authority and will now be either adopted or subject to a special guardianship order. These children have the same level of funding as LAC, but the money is not personally allocated or ring-fenced.
- 4) Children of Armed Forces Staff:  
If a parent is either currently serving or in receipt of AFCS or WPS, they will have an amount of money allocated to them personally, which is less than the allocations for the other 3 categories. This, however, is ring-fenced.

### Our Policy on Spending PPF

At Steiner Academy Exeter, we have taken the decision to set aside a percentage of the allocation for each PLAC, FSM or Every 6 child as a personal budget. This will be reviewed annually, depending on the needs of the school.

A large proportion of money – as directed by the DFE – will be spent on the improvement of teaching and learning across the school. It will help to fund the teachers, LSA's and support staff, as well as training to better meet the needs of all pupils, including those entitled to PPF.

A proportion of the funding will be used specifically for PPF children, so that we can run a breakfast club in the future. It is our responsibility to report at the end of each year as to what this money has been put towards.

### Funding Allowances

For the academic year 2018-19 the funding per student from the DFE was allocated as follows:

- PLAC - £2,300
- LAC - £2,300
- Forces - £300
- FSM/Every 6 (primary) - £1,320
- FSM/Every 6 (secondary) - £935

For the academic year 2018/19 the personal budget allocations are as follows:

- PLAC - £1,000 (43% of allocation) this could cover tutors, 1:1 counselling ect.
- LAC - £2,300 (100% of allocation)
- Forces - £300 (100% of allocation)
- FSM/Every 6 (primary) - £100 (8% of allocation)
- FSM/Every 6 (secondary) - £135 (14% of allocation)

The final 2 allocated personal budgets were set at this amount to take into consideration the (potential) need for secondary school age pupils to go on subject specific trips, which are often more costly than ones for primary age pupils.

Any requests for funding from these personal budgets are expected to centre on improving educational outcomes for these pupils, rather than to buy 'add-ons' or 'extras' that children would not normally need as part of their core educational diet.

We have an application process which needs to go through the class teachers and guardians in the first instance and an application form will be completed and returned to the designated PPF administrator.

This application will be considered based on the above criteria and the total amount spent of the personal budget to date. Monies cannot be carried over from one year to the next with the personal budget. The allocation is also non-transferable from this school to any other if the child leaves mid-year.

The Annual Financial Report will be published on the website, but will not include personal details or individual spending from personal budgets.