Pupil Premium Plus Money for Previously Looked After Children (PLAC)

Questions and Answers

1. Who is a Previously Looked After Child (PLAC)?

A previously looked-after child (PLAC) is a child who was in care to an English or Welsh local authority at the point at which they were adopted, made subject to a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), or a Child Arrangements Order (previously Residence Order).

There are approximately 650 school aged PLAC in Sandwell.

2. What additional money are PLAC entitled to?

All school-aged PLAC are entitled to a Pupil Premium plus (PP+) grant for the academic year.   The current allocation is £2,630 per pupil.

3. How do schools access the Pupil Premium plus grant?

The grant is paid directly to schools based on the number of PLAC declared in the school's October census return. It is the responsibility of the pupil's parents/carers to declare the pupil's PLAC status and provide evidence.

4. How can the money be spent?

The PP+ is to be used on evidence-based strategies to remove barriers to educational attainment for this cohort. The money is not "ring fenced" for individual pupils and can be pooled. However, PLAC should benefit from its use. Possible uses could include: trauma informed training for all staff, intervention teachers, pastoral support. It is good practice for the Designated Teacher to discuss how the PP+ is being spent with parents/carers.

5. Where can I find further information?

DfE guidance for PP+ is available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2024-to-2025/pupil-premium-2024-to-2025-conditions-of-grant-for-academies-and-free-schools

Sandwell Virtual School Pupil Premium policy is available here:

https://sandwellvirtualschool.sch.life/Page/Detail/sandwell-pupil-premium-and-personal-education-plan-pep-guidance-

If you any further questions, or would like advice about the PP+ grant or supporting PLAC pupils in education, you can email: Rachael Wolffel (Rachael_wolffel@sandwell.gov.uk) for advice.