



Pupil Premium Policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- **Provide background information** about the pupil premium grant so all members of the College community understand its purpose and which pupils are eligible
- Set out **how the College will make decisions** on pupil premium spending
- **Summarise the roles and responsibilities of those involved** in managing the pupil premium in College

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the pupil premium [Pupil premium: allocations and conditions of grant 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](#) published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is also based on guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [using the pupil premium](#), and the [service pupil premium](#).

3. Purpose of the grant and allocations

The Pupil Premium was introduced by the Coalition government in April 2011 to provide additional funding for disadvantaged students. The premium is paid for students who have been eligible for free school meals over the previous six years or who have been in care or adopted from care. A separate grant is paid to schools to enable them to support the emotional and social well-being of service children.

College Vision

Inspiring optimistic learners.

The overriding aim of the use of the Pupil Premium funding received by the College is to ensure that the attainment gap between students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding is reduced compared to all

students not in receipt of the funding nationally. It is used to fund many universal interventions within the college; academic and pastoral interventions to support all students, as it is vital to close the gap between all students at TCC and all students nationally in order to achieve this and to promote quality first teaching to all

The PP grant per pupil rates for financial year 2025 to 2026 are set out below.

Pupils who are recorded as LAC/PLAC and FSM Ever 6 will attract the LAC/PLAC per pupil amount only.

Eligible service children will attract the SPP rate in addition to any other pupil premium grant eligibility rate. [Pupil premium 2025 to 2026: technical note - GOV.UK](#)

Disadvantaged pupils	per pupil rate
Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 recorded as FSM Ever 6	£1,515
Pupils in years 7 to 11 recorded as FSM Ever 6	£1,075
Looked-after children (LAC)	£2,630
Previously looked-after children (PLAC)	£2,630
Service children	per pupil rate
Eligible service children in year groups reception to year 11	£350

Amount of Pupil Premium Funding at Torpoint Community College

Financial Year	Amount of Pupil Premium Funding
2020-21	£184,000
2021-22	£190,758
2022-23	£196,000
2023-24	£225, 000
2024-25	£232,000
2025-2026	£246,000 (forecast)

Table showing the Pupil Premium grant allocation amount for the last 5 years

Data from NCT Sept 25

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-25	2025-26
Percentage Pupil Premium years 7-11	26.47%	26.09%	<u>36.09%</u>	<u>37.42%</u>	<u>36.94</u>
FSM	141	162	191	168	163
Service Children	62	67	89	79	66
Looked After Children	8	7	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>

Table showing numbers of Pupil Premium Students by Year

4. Use of the grant

We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all students and aim for all students to experience high quality teaching. We ensure that appropriate provision is made for students who belong to vulnerable groups; this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged students are adequately assessed and addressed. CPD is research-based and focussed on how to enable students to learn, through the development of the College's well sequenced STEAM curriculum.

In making provision for socially disadvantaged students, we recognise that not all students who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged and use a tiered approach.

We also recognise that not all students who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any student or groups of students the College has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

We remind parents to apply for FSM, for example, with application forms available on the website and reminders in the College newsletter.

Service personnel with children in state schools must notify schools of their eligibility for the service pupil premium (SPP). The portion of PP grant for pupils from service families is referred to as service pupil premium (SPP). Pupils eligible for SPP are not necessarily financially disadvantaged and the funding is for schools to provide mainly pastoral support. It is paid as part of PP grant for schools' convenience.

4.1 Identifying potential barriers to learning

TCC is a small college and staff know students well. Regular feedback from students for example after focussed student group meetings, surveys, and meetings with the Student Council, as well as learning walks and lesson observations, feedback from staff at pastoral and department meetings and feedback from the Student Support Centre and Intervention Assistants have helped to identify and monitor potential barriers to learning.

The main barriers of learning for students that have been identified are as follows and are addressed by the Pupil Premium Action plan within our Pupil Premium statement.

4.2 Challenges

1. Students in receipt of pupil premium for disadvantage have on average lower previous attainment than other students.
2. Higher level of needs across the pupil premium disadvantage population (safeguarding, emotional, social and mental health needs).
3. Students in receipt of Pupil Premium have lower attendance.
4. Unrealistic aspirations for self and lack of awareness of career and life chances. A lack of awareness of the big picture due to our location in a rural and coastal area and lack of facilities and range of employers – “cultural capital”.
5. Low literacy and reading skills for some Pupil Premium eligible students limiting access not only to English but also to the curriculum.
6. Low levels of confidence with Maths and numeracy skills across the curriculum for some Pupil Premium eligible students.
7. Students in receipts of Pupil Premium for disadvantage complete less homework.

Pupil Premium funding has allowed us to introduce a range of interventions and strategies to support these students and to help address these barriers based on the DfE’s menu of approaches (see the DfE’s [using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders](#)) and our spending strategy is informed by research evidence, referring to a range of sources, such as the [guide published by the Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\)](#). The College’s self-review cycle means that interventions are monitored, reviewed, evaluated and adapted as necessary.

All our work through the Pupil Premium will be aimed at accelerating progress moving students to at least age-related expectations and in line with non-disadvantaged students nationally.

Universal interventions include funding for a Pupil Premium Champion, an additional Maths teaching post to reduce class sizes at key stage 4, funding for teaching staff, Literacy across the Curriculum and literacy focus in tutor programme, Study Skills programme such as tutor sessions, the Key Stage 4 Study Café, Accelerated Reader for years 7 and 8, teaching and learning CPD including evidence base research and a CPD portal to ensure high quality teaching and learning for all students, work scrutiny’, and key stage 4 revision classes. Transition programme into key stage 3 (lead CLI), Forest School Coordinator (DLU), Show My Homework subscription, Attendance Coordinator role, Cashless Catering and use of Parent Pay, e-learning subscriptions, access to a state registered school nurse, exam access arrangements and preparations.

Focussed small group strategies include use of Learning Mentors to work with groups of students to help raise self-esteem, organisational skills, confidence and promote positive behaviour. Small group literacy and maths support and targeted careers interventions.

Targeted intervention includes emotional, health and well-being support in SSC, pupil premium admin such as phoning parents to improve parental attendance at parents’ evenings, individual support programmes – such as use of hardship fund to buy books and uniform on a case-by-case basis, exam entries for alternative curriculum provisions for students at alternative placements, targeted attendance interventions, pupil premium revision guides that can be loaned to students.

4.3 Reporting

Documentation for parents, students, staff and governors about the Pupil Premium can be found on the College website and include documents such as this Pupil Premium policy, and the College’s Pupil Premium Strategy Statement. We will publish our strategy statement on the school’s use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the conditions of grant, and using the templates on GOV.UK.

5. Eligible pupils

The following groups are eligible for pupil premium:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years, including eligible children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- children looked after by local authorities, referred to as looked-after children
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, referred to as previously looked-after children

Full eligibility criteria may be found at [Pupil premium: conditions of grant for the 2025 to 2026 financial year - GOV.UK](#).

Applying for Free School Meals (FSM)

Torpoint Community College relies on individual parents to apply for free school meals for their child, which means that we only receive the Pupil Premium funding for students once parents and carers have applied. We would therefore encourage parents and carers to apply for FSM where applicable. Application forms are available at any time from the College Reception and College website (search for Pupil Premium).

The form is also available on the Cornwall Council website:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/#ApplyWhoiseligibleforfreechoolmeals?>

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

• Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:

- Since 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants have continued to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. This applies even if their earnings rise above the threshold during that time.
- In addition, any pupil gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals until March 2025.
- After March 2025, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

A pupil is only eligible to receive a free school meal when a claim for the meal has been made on their behalf and their eligibility, or protected status, has been verified by the school where they are enrolled or by the local authority.

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **not** eligible for free school meals. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

There are different [eligibility criteria for families who are not entitled to benefits](#) (NRPF - No Recourse to Public Funds)

6. Roles and responsibilities

Staff with responsibility for Pupil Premium:

Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Cheryl Lockett (CLO)

Pupil Premium Champion: Mrs Davina Bray (DBR)

Link Governor: Mrs Lynne Nobes

Please address any queries about applying for FSM to the Attendance Manager in the Admin Office.

The Assistant Headteacher and Pupil Premium Champion meet regularly to monitor the progress, attendance and behaviour concerns for students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding in order to plan and evaluate strategies and interventions used to support the students.

6.1 Headteacher, senior leadership team and Pupil Premium lead

The headteacher, senior leadership team and pupil premium lead are responsible for:

- Keeping this policy up to date, and ensuring it is implemented across the school
- Ensuring all school staff are aware of their role in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and supporting pupils with parents in the armed forces
- Planning pupil premium spending and keeping this under constant review, using an evidence-based approach
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium to assess the impact of the school's use of the funding
- Reporting on the impact of pupil premium spending to the governing board on an ongoing basis
- Publishing the pupil premium strategy statement on the school's use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the DfE's [guidance on using the pupil premium](#) and using the templates on GOV.UK.
- Providing relevant training for staff, as necessary, on supporting disadvantaged pupils and raising attainment

6.2 Governors

The governing board is responsible for:

- Holding the headteacher to account for the implementation of this policy
- Ensuring the school is using pupil premium funding appropriately, in line with the rules set out in the conditions of grant
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium, in conjunction with the headteacher, to assess the impact and effectiveness of the school's use of the funding
- Monitoring whether the school is ensuring value for money in its use of the pupil premium
- Challenging the headteacher to use the pupil premium in the most effective way
- Setting the College's ethos and values around supporting disadvantaged members of the school community

6.3 Other College staff

All TCC staff are responsible for:

- Implementing this policy on a day-to-day basis
- Setting high expectations for all pupils, including those eligible for the pupil premium
- Identifying pupils whose attainment is not improving in response to interventions funded by the pupil premium, and highlighting these individuals to the senior leadership team
- Sharing insights into effective practice with other school staff

7. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Pupil Premium Lead. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.

Appeal

Any appeals against this policy will be through the governor's complaints procedure.

8. Links with other policies

This policy is linked to: Children in Care