

For the attention of the Head Teacher & Designated Teacher

Detailed below are Lewisham's arrangements for the payment of Pupil Premium Grant Plus (PPG+) funding for the financial year 2026-2027.

Applying for PPG+ Funding for Children Looked After to Lewisham LA

- Applications for PPG+ can only be made via the PEP process which will need to show how the request for funding is linked to a target and intervention and desired the outcome. We use a system called Asset for Schools, if you haven't already been sent a logon and password, please email Maxine McLeod - Maxine.mcleod@lewisham.gov.uk
- Once payment requests have been submitted for the young person through the PEP portal, the relevant phase leader will either approve, reject or question the request.
- To enable effective budget planning, we would ask schools to complete PPG+ requests by the end of the Autumn term to include planning for the rest of the academic year.

Key Guidelines:

The PPG+ for children looked after is linked to the personal education plan. This will identify how funding will be spent to support the young person in accordance with their PEP targets. The PEP Review will include an evaluation of the impact of the PPG+.

There is an expectation that PPG+ funding will impact directly on the learning outcomes for the individual young person and that in general there will be a narrowing of the attainment gap for young people in care through the successful application of their personal education plans.

Advice and guidance for PPG+ for PCLA children can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium#funding-rates-for-the-2026-to-2027-financial-year>

Lewisham Virtual School phase leaders are:

- Primary Phase Leader, Vee Howell – vee.howell@lewisham.gov.uk
- Secondary Phase Leader, Des Benjamin – des.benjamin@lewisham.gov.uk

Please note: Payments will be made for each young person in care and in attendance at school during term time only. Transfer of monies can take up to 10 days after it has been approved by the relevant Phase Leader.

If this is the first time that your school is applying for the funding, please complete the attached with the following: bank details signed, dated and addressed to Lewisham Virtual School **on school headed paper**, which will allow us to set-up payment details with Lewisham finance;

- bank name
- branch name
- account name
- account number
- sort code
- generic email address for remittance advice
- PO Email Address
- Website details – to support internal finance auditing

Please email this to Patricia Dunkley at patricia.dunkley@lewisham.gov.uk

Please ensure that the above steps are taken to ensure that the appropriate level of funding is made available to schools in an efficient and timely manner.

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Further Information on Pupil Premium Grant Plus and Looked after Children is available at www.lewishamvirtualschool.org.uk

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- Bank name:
- Branch name:
- Account name:
- Account number:
- Sort code:
- Generic email address for remittance advice:
- PO Email Address
- Website details – to support internal finance auditing: