

East Riding Virtual School for Children Looked After
(CLA)
LAC Premium
Guidance for Head teachers and Designated Teachers for
the 2021-2022 Financial Year

Gov UK Education and Skills Funding Agency (EFA) document: Pupil Premium: Conditions of Grant 2021 to 2022. (30 March 2021)

LAC Premium

DfE will allocate to local authorities in June 2021 a provisional amount of £2,345 per child looked after for at least one day, as recorded in the March 2020 children looked-after data return (SSDA903), and aged 4 to 15 at 31 August 2019. DfE will update and finalise this allocation in December 2021 based on the number of children looked after for at least one day during the year ending March 2021, as recorded in the March 2021 children looked-after data return (SSDA903), and aged 4 to 15 at 31 August 2020.

Use of the LAC Premium

The LAC premium must be managed by the virtual school head (VSH) in the local authority that looks after the child, and used without delay for the benefit of the looked-after child's educational needs as described in their personal education plan (PEP).

The VSH should ensure there are arrangements in place to discuss how the child will benefit from pupil premium funding with the designated teacher or another member of staff in the child's education setting who best understands their needs. Processes for allocating funds to a child's education setting should be as simple as possible to avoid delay.

Local authorities may not carry forward funding held centrally into the financial year 2022 to 2023. Centrally-held LAC premium that has not been spent, or allocated to the child's education setting, by 31 March 2022 will be recovered.

East Riding LAC Premium Financial arrangements 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022

From summer term 2021, schools will be able to request up to £1 945 in the financial year 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022.

The East Riding local authority will retain centrally £400 per CLA. This will fund initiatives which benefit one or more CLA. These include funding specialist staff who will work directly with East Riding CLA, the emotional wellbeing team (Clinical Psychologists), Letterbox Co-ordinator and the Assistant Psychologist for CLA. The costs of the CLA Annual Celebration Event and the training events delivered through the East Riding Virtual School are also funded through LAC Premium.

LAC Premium must be spent to directly support the education of the East Riding CLA. Allocation of LAC Premium should be focussed on children's needs, managed through high quality PEP documentation. An Education Welfare Officer from the Vulnerable Children's Education Team (VCET) will chair every termly PEP meeting. At PEP meetings the use of the LAC Premium to promote educational outcomes will be considered. LAC Premium requests from schools must be matched to SMART Targets/Outcomes identified on the PEP document completed by the designated teacher. At each PEP meeting, the impact of the LAC Premium spend on attainment, progress and emotional wellbeing will be reviewed and monitored. LAC premium requests can be sent to your member of the virtual school at any time, in response to an identified need, to avoid delay.

All LAC Premium requests need to be itemised on the PPG form and matched to SMART Targets/Outcomes. The Virtual School Head teacher is responsible for monitoring the impact of the LAC Premium spending on each CLA.

Categories for LAC Pupil Premium allocation:

- *1:1 tuition*
- *Educational Intervention (in school, individual or group)*
- *Emotional Wellbeing Adult (support or intervention)*
- *Designated Teacher (Completion of PEP to a good standard)*
- *Teaching Assistant or HLTA*
- *Crisis Adult Support (to avoid exclusion)*
- *Equipment and Resources*
- *ICT Equipment*
- *Incentive Voucher*
- *Transition*
- *Mentoring*
- *Other*

Management and accountability

The Education Welfare Officer will present the LAC Premium Requests to the Virtual School Panel meeting every fortnight. An email will be sent to schools informing them of the allocation of funding within 5 schools days of the panel meeting. Funding will be allocated to schools from the East Riding finance team with the Unique Pupil Number (UPN) of the CLA.

The Virtual Head teacher is accountable to the Virtual School Governance Panel and the Corporate Parenting Group for monitoring the allocation of LAC Premium and ensuring maximum impact of the grant. The Annual CLA Pupil Premium Spend Analysis Report is scrutinised by these groups.

Circumstances in which LAC Premium will not be provided.

For CLA placed in independent specialist educational provisions, the £1 945 will be used as a contribution towards the cost of the specialist provision, NOT in addition to these costs. The costs to meet needs are determined in the placement service level agreement.

LAC premium cannot be used to double fund support provided through the EHCP or provided via the element 1 and 2 of the Designated Schools Grant (DSG) for pupils at SEN Support (SEN K).

School meals, uniform or transport will be paid from other sources not LAC Premium.