

HAN/MDO/Head's PA/PP Plus Ltr
17th November 2023

Dear Parents and carers

Schools and local authorities have a duty, required by the Department of Education, to promote education, progress, and achievement for previously looked after children. These are children who may have been adopted, placed on special guardianship orders (SGOs) or a child arrangement order (previously, Residency Order) from care.

These duties recognise that children who have previously been in care may well require additional support because of their life experiences prior to being adopted or placed in permanent families. Schools are allocated additional funding for this group of pupils, called Pupil Premium Plus.

The duty involves:

- Appointing a member of staff (a qualified teacher known as the Designated Teacher (DT) for CLA and Previously Looked After Children) as the named person to lead within the school on promoting education progress and attainment for previously looked after children.
- Ensuring school policies consider the needs of potentially more vulnerable pupils.
- Using the Pupil Premium Grant + effectively to support progress and achievement for these pupils.
- Tracking progress and attainment.
- Providing advice, support and information to parents and guardians.

The local authority duty is to provide advice, information and guidance to schools, parents, and guardians. The Virtual School Hull leads on the local authority duties. They can be contacted by email: cypfs-virtualschool@hullcc.gov.uk

For a school to access the additional funding and provide any additional support required, they need to know which of their pupils have been adopted, are on SGOs or subject to a child arrangement order, from care. This enables the school to claim the funding when they complete the school census in October. Only children who had a period in care prior to being adopted, placed on an SGO or a child arrangement order, are eligible for the funding.

If you have adopted a child, or care for a child through a special guardianship order or a child arrangement order, and the child was previously a child in care (in any local authority in England and Wales or in state care in another country) –**and you wish the school to be able to access additional funding to support their progress and attainment please contact our designated member of staff for previously looked after children:**

School may require a copy of the adoption, SGO or a Child Arrangement Order (previously, Residency Order) certificate.

Please be aware that this information must be declared each time your child starts a new school. Therefore, if this applies to your child, and it is your child's first year with us, we would appreciate it if you could contact us. We are happy to discuss the use of Pupil Premium with you. You can also view our pupil premium policy and spending on our school website: [DfE external document template \(winifredholtbyacademy.co.uk\)](#)

This information will be held securely and will only be accessible to those school staff, when necessary, to enable the support to be provided.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Miss Dolan on ext. 3235.

Yours faithfully



Miss M Dolan
Safeguarding and LAC Officer