



MANOR WOOD SCHOOL

Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus Statement 2026–2027

At Manor Wood School, pupil premium grant is used to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils and to remove barriers to learning, wellbeing and attendance. For 2026–2027, pupil premium funding continues to support pupils who are eligible for free school meals, or who have been eligible in the last six years, while pupil premium plus supports children who are looked after or previously looked after. In line with government guidance, pupil premium is not treated as a personal budget for individual pupils; instead, it is used strategically to strengthen provision where it will have the greatest impact for eligible pupils and other pupils with identified needs. Pupils are eligible for pupil premium plus if they fall into the following groups:

- Are in local authority care in England.
- Adopted from care in England or Wales.
- Left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO).
- Left care under a Child Arrangements Order (formerly known as a Residence Order).

This funding enables Manor Wood School to provide a highly personalised, nurturing and ambitious curriculum so that pupils can make strong progress from their individual starting points. Our ethos is rooted in relationships, safety, emotional regulation and high expectations. Through our therapeutic and trauma-informed approach, including our commitment to care, co-reflection and co-regulation, we use pupil premium to help pupils feel safe, ready to learn and able to achieve. We recognise that disadvantage can affect pupils academically, socially and emotionally; therefore, our use of funding focuses on high-quality teaching, targeted support, enrichment, attendance, pastoral care, family partnership and access to wider opportunities.

Some of the key areas pupil premium funding may be used for at Manor Wood School are:

- Supporting high-quality adaptive teaching, including staff training in SEMH, ASC, trauma-informed practice, regulation, communication and evidence-informed curriculum delivery.
- Providing targeted academic support, including literacy, numeracy, reading intervention, tutoring, exam preparation and personalised catch-up linked to pupils' EHCP outcomes.
- Tackling barriers to learning such as attendance, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, anxiety, social communication, self-esteem, transitions and engagement with school.

Pupil premium plus is used to commission services, interventions and resources that benefit Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children holistically. At Manor Wood School, this support is planned carefully in partnership with carers, families, local authorities, the Virtual School and other professionals, ensuring that provision responds to each pupil's social, emotional, academic and wider developmental needs. Additional provision may include:

- Specific equipment, software or assistive technology to support learning, communication, independence and access to the curriculum.
- Revision guides, personalised learning resources and exam preparation materials to support confidence, resilience and achievement.
- IT equipment, where appropriate, to support learning, home-school communication, accessibility and engagement.
- Communication aids and resources that support expressive language, receptive language, social understanding and emotional regulation.
- Enrichment opportunities such as music, sport, outdoor learning, therapeutic activities and wider experiences that build confidence, belonging and personal development.
- Sensory resources, regulation tools and structured activities that help pupils access learning and develop self-awareness.
- Specialist equipment or support to develop new skills, independence, confidence and readiness for future pathways.

The impact of pupil premium plus is reviewed through individual planning, progress reviews, Personal Education Plans where applicable, attendance information, engagement data, pupil voice and professional discussions. Individual impact information can be requested at any time.

Pupil premium and pupil premium plus are paid in varying amounts from different local authorities. Manor Wood School will ensure that funding for 2026–2027 is used transparently, strategically and in line with pupils' identified needs, our inclusive school ethos and the shared ambition that every pupil is supported to feel safe, learn successfully and prepare for their next steps.