

Pupil premia criterion

Criterion

Children eligible for the early years' pupil premium, the pupil premium, and the service premium.

More details about early years pupil premia can be found [here](#).

How to apply

Pupil premia criterion applications must be made on the pupil premia application form.

The form is available as an [online form](#), can be downloaded from the Admissions page of the academy's website, or requested via the contact details below.

The form should be accompanied by the recommendation stated in the criterion (above). The recommendation must be:

- Written by a person who is independent i.e. not a relative or friend.
- Explain why the child's needs can *only* be met by the Academy that is being applied for.
- Explain why *no other school* can provide the appropriate support for the child.

If families have any other documents to support their application, they should submit these in addition to the recommendation.

This application is required in addition to the submission of a completed local authority application form.

For applications to start Reception in September 2026, the pupil premia application should be submitted by 15 January 2026

For applications in-year, it should be submitted at the same time the in-year application is made.

Proof of eligibility

Proof of eligibility can be one of the following:

- a letter from your child's nursery / current school confirming they are receiving early years pupil premium, the pupil premium, or the service premium for your child.
- in the case of early years pupil premium or pupil premium, documents confirming you get 15 hours free childcare, and you are also receiving one of the following:
 - Income Support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
 - Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
 - Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax not including any benefits you get.

You may also get early years pupil premium if your child is currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales or if your child has left care in England or Wales through:

- adoption
- special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- in the case of service premium, a document confirming one of the following:
 - one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including children with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve)
 - one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the child receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
 - they have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2016.