YESOIDAY HATORAH GIRLS' ACADEMY

Pupil Premium Policy

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1. Purpose of the Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium grant is funding provided to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England. This policy explains the basis on which funding is allocated and the principles that guide its use at Yesoiday HaTorah Girls' Academy (YHGA).

2. Eligibility and allocation

Pupil Premium funding is allocated according to the number of eligible pupils, including:

- pupils recorded as eligible for free school meals, or who have been eligible at any point during the previous six years (Ever 6 FSM);
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent arrangements outside England and Wales.

3. Permitted use of the grant

The grant may be used:

- for the benefit of eligible pupils registered at settings that meet the funding criteria;
- for the benefit of eligible pupils registered at other state-funded schools—for example, through summer schools that welcome pupils from other schools;
- for community services that further the benefit of eligible pupils at the setting. Examples may include art therapy outside the classroom, or training for local authority staff to raise awareness of the needs of looked-after children, where the Virtual School Head considers this beneficial.

Funding does not have to be spent exclusively on pupils who meet the eligibility criteria. It may also support other pupils with identified needs, including pupils who have or have had a social worker or who act as a carer. It may fund whole-class interventions where these also benefit pupils who are not disadvantaged.

Multi-academy trusts may pool Pupil Premium resources across their academies. Any pooled approach must remain flexible enough to address the specific needs of each academy's disadvantaged pupils and must be additional to the Pupil Premium strategy statement for each academy.

For looked-after children, funding is managed by the local authority's Virtual School Head (VSH), in consultation with the child's school.

4. Funding rates for the 2025–2026 financial year

The following rates and figures are retained from the Academy's existing policy and relate to the 2025–2026 financial year.

Funding criterion	Primary-aged pupil (per year)	Secondary-aged pupil (per year)	Paid to
Pupils eligible for free school meals, or eligible in the past six years	£1,515	£1,075	School

Pupils previously looked after by a local authority or other state care	£2,630	£2,630	School
Children looked after by the local authority	£2,630	£2,630	Local authority

For the 2025–2026 financial year, YHGA has 12 eligible pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium. The Academy's existing policy records a grant of £18,180, representing 3% of the number of pupils on roll.

5. How YHGA will use the funding

YHGA will use the Pupil Premium grant for evidence-informed activities in line with the Department for Education's 'menu of approaches'. The Academy's stated priorities are:

- developing high-quality teaching, for example through professional development and recruitment and retention;
- providing targeted academic support, such as one-to-one or small-group tuition;
- addressing non-academic barriers to academic success, including difficulties with attendance, behaviour, and social and emotional wellbeing.

The Academy's annual Pupil Premium Strategy Statement sets out the planned use of the funding and is published each December.

6. Appeals

Any appeal relating to this policy will be dealt with through the school's Governors' Complaints Procedure.