

Guidance

PE and sport premium: conditions of grant 2019 to 2020 (local authorities and maintained schools)

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An in-year variation has been made to the below conditions, and can be found in [section 2](#).

1. Introduction

The primary PE and sport premium 2019 to 2020 (“the premium”) will be paid by the Secretary of State for Education (“Secretary of State”) to the local authority (“authority”), as a grant under section 14 of the Education Act 2002.

In accordance with section 16 of that Act, the Secretary of State lays down the following terms and conditions on which financial assistance is given in relation to the premium payable for the academic year 2019 to 2020. The authority is required to distribute the premium to maintained schools only (including pupil referral units and hospital schools, but excluding maintained nursery schools).

The premium for the 2019 to 2020 academic year is paid in 2 instalments from the Secretary of State to the authority as follows:

Financial year	2019 to 2020 academic year	Payment date
2019 to 2020	September 2019 to March 2020	30 October 2019
2020 to 2021	April to August 2020	30 April 2020

2. Purpose of the premium

The premium must be used to fund additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, in the 2019 to 2020 academic year, to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles.

The Department for Education (DfE) has published [information on how much PE and sport premium funding primary schools receive and advice on how to spend it](#).

In year variation

The premium does not have to be completely spent by schools in the academic year beginning 1 September 2019, some or all of it may be carried forward into the academic year beginning 1 September 2020 but must be spent by 31 March 2021.

3. Basis of allocation

Allocations for the academic year 2019 to 2020 are calculated using the number of pupils in years 1 to 6, as recorded in the January 2019 census, as follows:

- schools with 17 or more pupils receive £16,000 plus £10 per pupil
- schools with 16 or fewer pupils receive £1,000 per pupil

Where a school's pupils are not recorded by year group, pupils aged 5 to 10 are deemed eligible.

In the case of a school which has opened or is due to open during the 2019 to 2020 academic year, the above formula will apply based on pupils recorded on the autumn 2019 school census. Allocations for such schools will be paid by 31 January 2020 (first instalment) and on 30 April 2020 (second instalment).

The allocations for each school in the authority are published in October 2019 and include schools that were maintained schools at 1 September 2019. Academies receive the premium directly from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

Authorities should not pay the premium to academies that converted on or by 1 September 2019, as they will receive their funding directly from ESFA.

Schools that convert to academies from 1 September 2019 up to and including 1 April 2020 will be paid the April to August 2020 element of the academic year allocation direct from ESFA on 1 May 2020.

The premium must be made available by the authority to the school irrespective of the existence of any deficit relating to the expenditure of the school's budget share. The premium is not part of schools' budget shares and is not part of the individual schools budget. It is not to be counted for the purpose of calculating the minimum funding guarantee.

4. Terms on which the premium is allocated to schools

Local authorities must pass the premium to maintained schools within one month of receipt, and must require that maintained schools comply with the conditions set out below.

The premium must be spent by schools on making additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE, physical activity and sport for the benefit of all pupils to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles.

The Secretary of State does not consider the following expenditure as falling within the scope of additional or sustainable improvement:

- employing coaches or specialist teachers to cover planning preparation and assessment (PPA) arrangements - these should come out of schools' core staffing budgets
- teaching the minimum requirements of the national curriculum PE programmes of study - including those specified for swimming
- fund capital expenditure

Maintained schools, including those that convert to academies, must publish information about their use of the premium on their website by the end of the summer term or 31 July at the latest. Schools must publish:

- the amount of premium received
- a full breakdown of how it has been spent (or will be spent)
- what impact the school has seen on pupils' PE and sport participation and attainment
- how the improvements will be sustainable in the future
- what percentage of pupils within their year 6 cohort for academic year 2019 to 2020 can do each of the following:
 - swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
 - use a range of strokes effectively
 - perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

If selected, schools must also take part in a sampling review to scrutinise their compliance with these conditions.

5. Certification

Local authorities will be required to certify that they have passed on the correct amount of funding to schools and, where funding has been spent, that it has been spent in line with the conditions set out above.

6. Variation

The basis for allocation of the premium may be varied by the Secretary of State from those set out above, if requested by the authority or at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

7. Other conditions

If the authority or a school fails to comply with the conditions set out in the paragraphs above, including but not limited to a school misusing the premium, the Secretary of State may require the repayment of the whole or any part of the premium paid to the authority or the withholding of subsequent instalments of the premium.

This will be notified in writing to the authority or school, and any such sum that has been notified shall immediately become payable by the authority to the Secretary of State, or be withheld from subsequent instalments.

8. Overpayments

Any overpayment of the premium shall be immediately repaid by the authority to the Secretary of State.

9. Further information

The books and other documents and records relating to the recipient's accounts (for the purposes of this grant “recipient” is the authority or school) shall be open to inspection by the Secretary of State and by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Comptroller and Auditor General may, pursuant to Section 6 of the National Audit Act 1983, carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the recipient has used its resources in discharging its grant-aided activities.

The authority or school shall provide such further information as may be required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining whether, or to what extent, it has complied with the conditions set out in this document.

Failure to provide this information may result in the Secretary of State requiring repayment of the whole or any part of the premium paid to the authority or the withholding of subsequent instalments of the premium.

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