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To local authorities in England listed in Annex A

Dear colleagues

Sec 31 Pilot of Pupil Premium Plus (PP+) Post-16 Funding to Select Local Authorities Implementation Grant Determination Letter 2021-22 [GRx364] [No. 31/5698]

This determination is made between:

- 1. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, and
- 2. The local authorities listed at Annex A.

Purpose of the grant

Each local authority in England is required to appoint a Virtual School Head to promote the educational attainment of children in the care of their local authority. Virtual School Heads currently receive Pupil Premium Plus (PP+) funding of £2,345 per child in care, aged 4 to 15; however, Virtual School Head duties and the need for bespoke support continue for as long as the child is in care.

The purpose of this grant is to pilot additional funding for looked-after children and care leavers at post-16 to a selection of local authorities, chosen through an expression of interest exercise, for a six-month period from October 2021 to March 2022. The total funding available for this period is £3m.

This funding will provide support to selected local authorities in England for expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them to extend support to looked-after children and care leavers in general Further Education (FE) colleges.

Local authorities can spend this grant to support costs associated with meeting this duty. In doing so, they should take account of the statutory guidance <u>Promoting the education of looked-after and previously looked-after children</u> published on 26th February 2018.

Annex A attached includes the amount of funding awarded to each local authority for the 2021-22 financial year.

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Benjamin

Deputy Director, Child Protection and Safeguarding Division

PILOT OF PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS POST-16 FUNDING TO SELECT LOCAL AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT DETERMINATION 2021/22: [GRx364] [No. 31/5698]

The Secretary of State for Education ("the Secretary of State"), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the PILOT OF PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS POST-16 FUNDING TO SELECT LOCAL AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT DETERMINATION (2021/22) [No. 31/5698]

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England for expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in respect of implementing the role of Virtual School Head for post-16 looked-after children and care leavers.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines the authorities to which the grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid. The authorities and the amounts are set out in Annex A.

Payment arrangements

4) Grant will be paid in 1 instalment, which will be paid on 05 October 2021. All payments will be paid before the end of financial year 2020/21.

Treasury consent

5) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education

Jennifer Benjamin

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Deputy Director, Child Protection and Safeguarding Division

Annex A – Local Authority Allocations

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Barnet	£73,800
Birmingham	£280,800
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole	£146,700
Derbyshire	£153,000
Devon	£129,600
Durham	£61,200
East Sussex	£71,100
Hammersmith & Fulham	£61,200
Hartlepool	£36,000
Hertfordshire	£162,000
Islington	£85,500
Leeds	£126,000
Lincolnshire	£124,200
Liverpool	£149,700
Luton	£84,600
Manchester	£306,000
Middlesbrough	£62,100
Norfolk	£126,000
North Yorkshire	£38,700
Nottinghamshire	£96,300
Reading	£30,600
Rochdale	£37,800
Rotherham	£90,000
Sheffield	£71,100
Stockton-on-Tees	£63,000
Surrey	£116,100
Swindon	£38,700
Telford & Wrekin	£35,100
Trafford	£39,600
Worcestershire	£103,500
TOTAL	£3,000,000