**Template: letter for local authorities to send to alternative education providers about children adopted from care and the pupil premium**

Dear

**Children adopted from care and the pupil premium**

Children in alternative provision funded by the local authority who were adopted from local authority care or who have left care under a special guardianship or care arrangements order (formally known as a residence order), are eligible to attract the pupil premium. The pupil premium is an additional sum (currently worth £2,570 per pupil) to help provide specific support to raise attainment and address the wider needs of vulnerable children.

To claim the pupil premium the authority must include numbers of eligible children in the alternative provision (AP) census return to the Department for Education by the published deadline.

To enable this to happen you will need to inform the authority of eligible children in your setting whose place is funded by [name] local authority and who are on roll on census day. To establish eligibility, you should invite parents to self-declare that their child was adopted from care or left care under a guardianship or care arrangements order. Parents should be asked to provide evidence, for example, a copy of the adoption order.

From January 2023, we have extended these options to include children adopted from state care outside of England and Wales. ‘State care’ is care provided by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other organisation whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society. It is intended these pupils will also attract the pupil premium in 2024 to 2025.

Where parents choose to declare their child’s status as being adopted from state care from abroad, the local authority must be satisfied that the child has been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Parents will be expected to provide documentary evidence of their child’s adopted from abroad status.

Information on eligible children attending your setting should be provided to the authority by [insert details of preferred local method for securely transferring pupil level data]