



Pembrokeshire **Pupil Development Grant Plus**

Pembrokeshire PDG Plus is a Pembrokeshire County Council scheme to help parents in difficult circumstances with school uniforms.

From April 2019, Pembrokeshire CC will offer a grant to families facing '**exceptional circumstances**' to support school uniform and school equipment costs.

PDG plus is available for any school-age child - your child does not have to be entitled to free school meals.



Examples of exceptional circumstances may include:

- Families experiencing moving over to Universal Credit and experience significant delays in receiving benefit payments.
- Loss of possessions due to an event beyond your control such as fire or flood.
- A child who has to move schools at short notice at the advice of the Local Authority.
- Move of address under unavoidable circumstances which leads to a change of school – i.e. fleeing Domestic Violence, termination of tenancy (social or private housing).
- Change of school due to exclusion or managed/negotiated move.
- Moving from Elective Home Education to mainstream school.
- Change of carer which leads to change of school – i.e. through parental breakup.
- Time limited support to maintain continuity of education for pupils with (or at risk of) low school attendance.
- Any other exceptional circumstance not covered by the above, with the authorisation of Head of Performance and Community or Director of Children and Schools.

How much could I get from the grant?

Up to £125 – this is per child in the family (based on circumstances)

How can I spend it?

The grant is for school uniform and equipment.

For example: **School blazer**
PE sportswear
Rucksack
Pencil cases and equipment

How will I get the grant?

Money will be paid directly in to the applicant's bank account.

Can I get more than one grant in an academic year?

This is unlikely but each case is judged on an individual basis.

Who decides who gets a grant?

Decisions on applications will be made by the Pupil Support Officer for your school. We will always try to make a decision on your application as quickly as we can, but we may need to contact you for additional information or evidence. You can get an application form by ringing us on **01437 764551**.

Where can I get more information?

Full details of the policy and more information is available online at:

[www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/
school-attendance-and-pupil-welfare](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-attendance-and-pupil-welfare)