

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER NORTH
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th APRIL 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether he is considering increasing the Jersey Premium funding in the next academic year and, if so, by what amount; and if not, why not?”

Answer

Jersey Premium is a very important strategy to support further improved outcomes for Jersey’s children and young people, especially the most vulnerable. The Department is rightly proud of the successes delivered by the Jersey Premium since its inception, and for having narrowed the gap to reach parity with the rates of the Pupil Premium in England per pupil.

I am considering increasing the rates of Jersey Premium to exceed the rates paid in England. The specific amounts will be determined once the number of eligible pupils is finalised. Changes will be applied in the next academic year, mindful that this would be applied for 1st January, as our funding to schools follows the financial year not the academic year.