



Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter contains important information about Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) funding. It also explains who might be eligible, why we request information to apply for it and how it can benefit children such as yours.

What Is EYPP Funding?

Early Years Pupil Premium is a government initiative designed to enhance outcomes for young children, to support them in their early years so that they can begin school with similar opportunities to their peers.

EYPP provides additional funds that can be used by childcare providers to enhance various aspects of their provision, such as: learning resources, additional experiences, personalised interventions, developing staff skills/knowledge and ultimately, improving the provision and outcomes for children.

Why Is EYPP Necessary?

National data indicates that there is a significant difference between the learning and development of children who are eligible for free school meals and those who are not. The EYPP helps to provide valuable opportunities to help bridge this gap, by enabling equal opportunities for all children.

Research consistently demonstrates the positive impact of high-quality early education on a child's future academic success. Similar to the Pupil Premium for school-aged children, the EYPP offers a valuable opportunity to support young learners.

How Much Is EYPP Funding?

In April 2025, the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) was increased by over 45%. Receiving an EYPP payment can provide our nursery with a much-needed financial boost, allowing our setting to provide much more for the children in our care.

Who Might Be Eligible for EYPP Funding?

Eligibility is based on parents/carers receiving certain benefits or the child having previously been in local authority care.

Your child will usually qualify for EYPP if you receive any of the following entitlements:

- 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds
- 15 hours for 2 year olds in families receiving additional support
- 15 hours for 2 year olds of eligible working parents
- 15 hours for children aged 9 months to 2 years of eligible working parents

AND meet any of the following criteria:

- those on a low income
- Looked After Children
- children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

(These criteria will also apply for entitlements extended to 30 hours in September 2025.)

For a child attending the full 570 hours of funded early education, this amounts to an additional £570 per year. This extra funding can be used to improve outcomes for children.





How Might EYPP Funding Be Spent?

Settings have the flexibility to use EYPP funding to improve early years provision in various ways. This might include:

- **Targeted Staff Training & Development:** Professional development for staff members to improve their skills.
- **Additional Resources & Equipment:** Investment in high-quality educational materials, sensory resources and/or books to support language, literacy and social development.
- **Specialist Support Services:** Funding speech and language therapy sessions or early intervention programmes to address individual learning needs.
- **Expand Cultural Capital:** Organising trips, workshops and/or enrichment activities that broaden children's experiences and support their development.
- **Parental Engagement Initiatives:** Offering workshops or resources to help you to support your child's learning at home.
- **Small Group Support:** Implementing tailored interventions focusing on key areas such as communication, social skills and/or physical development.

Why Apply?

Additional funding through EYPP can only be received for eligible children if specific information about the family is provided.

Even if eligibility seems unlikely, submitting this information is still worthwhile. All personal data will be handled with respect and in compliance with GDPR guidelines, as outlined in our Confidentiality, Privacy, and Data Retention Policy.

What Needs to Be Done?

Parents and carers are encouraged to complete the enclosed form. This will help determine eligibility and enable a claim for the Early Years Pupil Premium wherever possible, ensuring the best possible support for each child.

For any questions or further information, please get in touch.

Warm regards,

Sarah Hinton and Claire Duff