

Pupil Premium

The aim of the Early Years Pupil Premium is to close the gap between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and other children by providing additional funding to settings such as ours, therefore providing the opportunity to raise the quality of provision we offer. All children aged three and four (not two year olds), who meet the eligibility criteria will benefit from the funding. This funding is paid directly to us on an hourly rate basis, linked to claimed hours for entitled children. The annual value for a 15hour place over a full year is just over £300 and since we are registered to offer early years places we can receive the EYPP. In order to be able to claim this funding we require parents to sign the funding agreement which asks for details of the parent's date of birth and National Insurance number.

Which three and four year olds will be eligible for the EYPP?

A child will be eligible for the EYPP if they:

1. Are in a low-income family and their parents are in receipt of benefits (one or more), for example, Child Tax Credit and Income Support;
2. Have been adopted from care;
3. Have left care through special guardianship;
4. Have been looked after by the local authority for at least the span of the day;
5. Are subject to a child arrangement order.

As an Early Years setting we have the freedom to choose how we spend the money to best support disadvantaged children in our care. After consultation with your child's Key Person and looking after the child's learning and development progress our Playgroup will use the additional funding in the following ways:

1. Continue our commitment to furthering our knowledge within our Continuing Professional Development by attending relevant training
2. Aid in the transition into our setting.
3. Creating "Home/Setting lending bags and boxes.
4. Buy any specialist services to support families and children (this includes the cost of staffing such events), such as, healthy cooking, parenting classes and information awareness sessions.
5. Providing additional staff to allow us to provide more acceptable child; adult ratios.
6. Purchasing additional resources.

We have individual Action Plans to monitor the impact of the EYPP to ensure that it is being used effectively to close the gap. We also have a named Pupil Premium advisor.

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