

The Early Years Pupil Premium

Nurseries, schools, childminders and other childcare providers can claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children’s development, learning and care. This document explains what the Early Years Pupil Premium is and who is eligible for this funding.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra £1.15 per hour for all funded children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who were formally in local authority care but who left care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order. This means an extra £655.50 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours of early education funding.

You will need to seek parents’ permission (depending on if they are eligible) to claim the premium and a declaration is included in the Parental agreement. This will need to be completed annually so you will need to request the parent to update the declaration after 12 months.

The link to the DfE site with some sample letters/forms which you can use and tailor to help you explain EYPP to parents and identify who is eligible is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-pupil-premium-model-document-and-letter-for-parents>

Attached is an example letter which can be copied and pasted into your own document and personalised as required.

Please do not seek to obtain an EYPP declaration for every funded child. Not every family is eligible to claim EYPP and by capturing data unnecessarily there could be issues with adherence to Data Protection as the data collected is classed as sensitive. The council will eligibility check all families submitted for EYPP, via the Eligibility Checking Service the DfE are providing for us.

Please find below the overview of who is eligible to claim EYPP:

Eligibility

All children in receipt of early education funding will attract EYPP if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - (household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits - this is assessed on up to 3 of the parent’s most recent universal credit assessment periods)- see the table below:

Check A Is earned income in Period 1 less than:	Threshold 1 – EYPP £616.67	If Yes , Eligible
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		If No , proceed to Check B (if there is a period 2)
Check B Is earned income in Period 1 + earned income in Period 2 less than:	Threshold 2 – EYPP £1233.34	If Yes , Eligible If No proceed to Check C (if there is a period 3)
Check C Is earned income in Period 1 + earned income in Period 2 + earned income in Period 3 less than:	Threshold 3 – EYPP £1850.00	If Yes , Eligible If No, Not Eligible

Please note – For the criteria listed below, further information / evidence will be required to support the application for EYPP. It is therefore advised to contact the Team on 0161 342 2299 for further information.

- they are currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- they have left care in England or Wales through:
 - an adoption order
 - a special guardianship order
 - a child arrangement order

If a child qualifies for EYPP under more than one set of criteria, they will only attract the funding once.

Children must receive [free early education](#) to attract EYPP funding. They do not have to take up the full 570 hours of early education they are entitled to, in order to get EYPP. If a child attends for less than the full 570 hours, EYPP will be paid pro rata to the hours claimed.

Age	EYPP Entitlement
9 Months to 2 Years Old	Payable on the working parent entitlement
2 Year Olds	Payable on either the entitlement for families in receipt of additional support or the working parent entitlement. Should be paid against the former first if the child is eligible
3- and 4-Year Olds	Payable on the universal 15 hours' entitlement only

Use of EYPP Funding

Providers should use EYPP alongside any other available funding streams or support to deliver interventions that improve outcomes for disadvantaged children.

You should use EYPP funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantage children by spending on activities, staff training and resources, that specifically impact educational outcomes.

You should plan EYPP spending based on consideration of well evidenced approaches such as professional development for staff, which may benefit all children, whilst providing the greatest benefit for disadvantaged children.

For practical evidence informed advice to maximise use of EYPP, the recommended spending approach are set out in the Education Endowment (EEF) Guide to Early Years Pupil Premium which can be found at <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/early-years/pupil-premium>

Early years settings should spend EYPP funding in full within the academic year for which it has been allocated.

The guide recommends that settings take a balanced approach, using EYPP to:

- develop quality practice
- tailor personalised support
- lead, plan and sustain a strategy

Accountability

During an inspection, Ofsted will evaluate the quality of provision and consider:

- how effective the setting is at identifying children eligible for funding for disadvantage
- the decisions that leaders take about supporting those children's needs
- how well children are supported
- the impact on disadvantaged children

Local authorities are required to ensure early years settings use looked-after children EYPP in line with the directions of the local authority's virtual schools head and the child's personal education plan.

Dear Parent

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All children who are currently claiming free early education funding in any Ofsted registered childcare provider that is listed on the 'Tameside Directory of Nursery Education Providers' could be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

The Early Years Pupil Premium is additional funding which is used to improve a child's learning and development. This means an extra £655.50 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours of early education funding. This additional money could make a significant difference to us.

Your child may be eligible if you are in receipt of one or more of these benefits:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods

Or if they have:

- Are currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- been adopted from care in England or Wales
- left care under a special guardianship order in England or Wales
- child arrangement order in England or Wales

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include for example additional training for our staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our colleagues in the area to further our expertise or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language. ***[You could personalise this section with your plans for EYPP].***

Therefore, we ask that **ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS** who think they are eligible fill in the EYPP section of the Parental Agreement & Funding Claim Form. This will allow us to claim the additional Early Years Pupil Premium.

If you have any questions, please contact ***[add your contact details here].***

Yours faithfully,