

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How does the setting check eligibility?

To check eligibility for the EYPP, parents/carers will need to complete a parental declaration form which will include their National Insurance number and date of birth. Parents/carers are not obliged to apply for EYPP if they do not wish, it is an entirely voluntary application process.

### What if my child does not attend for 15 hours per week?

The EYPP will run alongside the free entitlement to early education for all 3 & 4 year olds and will be available for any hours up to a maximum of 15 hours per week.

### What if my child attends more than one setting?

The pre-school, nursery or childminder will receive EYPP in proportion to the number of hours the eligible children take up with them.

### What if I only have 1 term before my child starts in a school Reception class?

The EYPP is available to every 3 and 4 year old who attends a preschool, nursery or childminding setting and where their parents/carers fulfil the eligibility criteria. Their setting will provide EYPP up until the child's transition to a school reception class. Being approved for EYPP does not necessarily mean that children will become eligible for school age pupil premium.

### How will I know that my child has benefited from this funding?

Each pre-school, nursery or childminder setting will have the freedom to decide how to make use of the funding as they will work closely with parents/carers to understand the particular needs of each child. Ofsted will review its Inspection framework to look for evidence that every pre-school, nursery or childminding setting understands and can meet the needs of the children eligible for EYPP.

# The Early Years Pupil Premium for 3 & 4 year olds



## What is Early Years Pupil Premium?

- It is additional Government funding to enhance your 3 and 4 year old's early education.
- Your child's early education provision - pre-school, nursery or childminder - could receive up to £302 a year for your child to support their individual learning if they are eligible.



## Is my child eligible?

You may apply for Early Years Pupil Premium if your child is aged 3 or 4 years old, is receiving free early education hours at a nursery, pre-school or childminding setting and you are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-based)
- Employment & Support Allowance (Income-related)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit based on an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 (provided that they are not also entitled to working tax credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit based on an annual net income of no more than £7,400.

Or your child has been:

- Looked after by the Local Authority for at least one day
- Has been adopted from care
- Has left care through special guardianship
- Subject to a child arrangement order

## How does it help my child?

Your nursery, pre-school or childminder will work in partnership with you to carefully consider the learning and development needs of your child and use the additional funding to support them with the following areas:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and Language
- Physical development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

When Ofsted inspect your nursery, pre-school or childminder they will check to see that the Early Years Pupil Premium additional funding is helping your child to learn and develop and get ready for school.



## How can I apply?

You will need to provide some additional information to your nursery, pre-school or childminder as part of your free early education funding.

The local authority will use this information to carry out eligibility checks and will inform your early years provider of the outcome.