

What is Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)?

The EYPP is additional funding that the government is making available for early years settings (including childminders) to improve the education they provide for disadvantaged three and four year olds.

Which children will be eligible for EYPP?

Three and four year old children accessing Free Early Education will attract EYPP based on the following criteria:

Children from low income families (as defined by the criteria for free school meals)

Children who have been looked after for 1 day or more.

Children who have been adopted from local authority care in England or Wales.

Children who have left care under a special guardianship order or child arrangement order in England or Wales.

How will I know if a child is eligible?

You will need to talk to parents to find out if they think they may be eligible for EYPP funding (based on the criteria above).

Where a parent thinks they may be eligible under the benefits criteria you will need to ask for them for their consent to share information with Lancashire County Council in order for us to undertake an eligibility check against the national eligibility checking system.

Where a child has been adopted from local authority care or left care under a special guardianship order you will need to provide LCC with a copy of the adoption order/special guardianship order number when you submit your headcount claim. Alternatively the parent can contact the FEE Team directly with these details.

Where a child is currently looked after by LCC early years settings will not be required to do anything as the council will automatically flag these children as eligible.

The DfE have also produced a model form and letter to help early years settings identify which children may be eligible for the EYPP. This information is available at <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/02/early-years-pupil-premium-guidance-for-providers/>

How much extra money will I receive for each child that is eligible for EYPP?

The EYPP is an additional £0.53 per hour per child, which equates to £302.10 per year if a child takes up their full 570 hours free early education entitlement. The funding will be directly linked to the child and will therefore follow the child should the child move between settings from one term to the next (in the same way that FEE hours do).

Where a child attends more than one setting the EYPP will be proportionate to the number of hours attended at each setting.

Are there any restrictions on how EYPP funding is spent?

EYPP funding must be used to improve the quality of early years education. The DfE have stated that there will no restrictions placed on settings in terms of how they do this, however they are encouraging settings to use their funding to reconfigure their nursery to be teacher led and employing a teacher.

Will I be held to account for how I spend the EYPP?

Yes. Although Ofsted are not imposing restrictions on how the funding should be used, through the regular inspection process they will hold settings to account for how it has been used to support their disadvantaged children, so you will need to be able to evidence this.

What is the process for claiming EYPP?

You must submit the EYPP information as part of the on-line headcount claim. Detailed information about how to do this can be found in the Provider Portal Guidance Notes on our website.

How can get I more support on EYPP?

If you are a Day Nursery/Pre-School Playgroup and have any specific questions you can talk to the Early Years Professional Development Centre on 01772 456405.

If you are a Childminder or an Out of School Club and have any specific questions you can talk to the Quality Childcare Development Team on 01772 531153.