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## Early Years Pupil Premium

### **What is the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)?**

From April 2015, Free Entitlement (FE) providers will be able to claim extra funding through the EYPP to support children's development, learning and care.

National data and research shows that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well. For example in 2014 45% of children eligible for free school meals achieved the expected level at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage compared with 64% of other children. The EYPP will provide extra funding to help close this gap.

### **How much funding will my setting receive?**

The EYPP provides an extra 53 pence per hour for eligible 3 and 4 year old children who are taking up their FE. This means an extra £300 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early education. This additional money could make a significant difference to your child's setting. Ask to see the setting's EYPP policy for details of how they intend to use the money.

### **How do I know if my child is eligible?**

Eligible children include those whose family are in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Income support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Universal Credit.
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on.

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Children are also eligible if they:

- have been in local authority care for one day or more in England and Wales.
- have been adopted from care in England and Wales.
- have left care under a Special Guardianship Order or Residence Order in England and Wales.

Children meeting the criteria must also be taking up the FE to be eligible for EYPP.

### How do I apply for EYPP?

If you think your child is eligible, speak to their setting for information on how to apply. If you are eligible due to your income you will be asked to provide your full name, date of birth and National Insurance (NI) or NASS Number. These details will be used only for the purposes of checking eligibility and neither the setting nor West Sussex County Council will be able to obtain personal information relating to your income. If your child has been in local authority care, adopted from care or has left care under a Residence or Special Guardianship Order, you will need to show evidence of this to your child's setting.

### Why should I apply for EYPP?

It is well documented that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school. Settings will therefore want to make the most of this additional funding. You may be aware if you have older children that a pupil premium has been available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost to the children receiving the funding. Your setting will want to do the same for all early years children entitled to this funding. We would therefore encourage all parents and carers to apply for EYPP, even if you are unsure if your child meets the eligibility criteria.

### Who should I contact for more information?

For more information, please speak to your child's early years setting.



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