



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT THE EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM

What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

From **April 2015**, children who are currently claiming the Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds in Central Bedfordshire who meet certain eligibility criteria, could be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

The Early Years Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to early years/nursery providers to improve outcomes for eligible children. It is new this year.

How will I know if my child is entitled?

Your child/children will be eligible if:

They are 3 or 4 years old and receiving free (Government funded) education with any Ofsted registered early years/nursery provider, and you are in receipt of one or more of these benefits (used to access eligibility for free school meals):

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers 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
- Child Tax Credit (**unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190**)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)

or if they:

- they have been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- they have been adopted from care in England or Wales
- they have left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

How do I apply for EYPP funding?

If you attend a Private, Voluntary or Independent childcare provider you are asked to complete a parent declaration to apply for your Nursery Education Funding. In order to check if you are eligible for the EYPP they will need details of your date of birth, National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Number.

If you attend a local authority nursery school or class, you will be asked to complete a registration form for the EYPP also giving information on your date of birth, National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Number.

How much is the funding?

The amount is 53p per hour. It is directly linked to the number of free hours you are taking up at your early years/nursery provider. So if you claim 10 hours per week, the premium will be 10 x 53p (£5.30) per week.

How do I receive the EYPP?

The EYPP is paid directly to your childcare provider as part of their normal funding claim.

How will the provider use the EYPP?

Providers will use the money in ways they think will support your child's learning and development. This should be informed by their understanding of your child's needs and preferences.

Will I be involved in how the money is being spent?

Your child's key person, as part of their ongoing communication, will continue to talk to you about your child's time in the setting. The EYPP will be used to support your child's learning and development.

Your provider may combine the EYPP payments for several children, or work with other providers, in order to fund specific activity or training.

What happens if my financial situation changes?

Once your three-year-old child is eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, they will remain so until they turn four. At that point a second eligibility check will be undertaken on your behalf, with no need to re-apply, using the information provided on the original application. We will inform you of any change in your eligibility.