

# Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

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The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) was introduced in April 2015, and is additional funding for early years settings to improve the education they provide for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.

*The aim of the Early Years Pupil Premium is to close the gap between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers by providing funding to early years providers to help them raise the quality of their provision. (DfE Consultation)*

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The EYPP pays an additional 53p per hour per eligible child, this equates to just over £300 per child taking up their full 570 hours Universal Free Entitlement (FE).

Only children who claim Universal FE will be able to attract the EYPP however they do not need to take up their full Universal entitlement to receive it.

EYPP will be paid in proportion to the child's actual Universal FE hours.

## Eligibility

Children will be eligible to claim EYPP if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Their family receives one of the following:
  - Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-based 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, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
  - Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
  - Universal Credit – for places starting from summer term 2018 (on or after 1 April 2018), if a parent is entitled to Universal Credit they must have an annual net earned income equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400.

- They have been in local authority care for one 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.

## Identifying eligible children

The DfE estimate that there are over 1300 children in West Sussex eligible for EYPP.

Providers will be expected to gather the information required from parents in order for the local authority to check eligibility using the West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Parent Declaration form.

The information required is as follows:

- Parent/carer's full legal name
- Parent/carer's date of birth
- Parent/carer's National Insurance (NI) number or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number
- Parent/carer has provided evidence that the child has been in local authority care for one day or more in England or Wales (if applicable)
- Parent/carer has provided evidence proving the child has been adopted from local authority care, left care through a special guardianship order or is subject to a child arrangements order (if applicable).

For all children thought to be eligible for EYPP, providers will be asked to include this information on their headcount return through the online provider portal. We cannot accept EYPP claims added to the estimate stage of funding.

## Eligibility checking

WSCC will use the DfE's Eligibility Checking Service to check a child's eligibility. For children who have been adopted from local authority care, left care through a special guardianship order or who are subject to a child arrangements order, parents/carers will be expected to show providers evidence of the court order that proves their eligibility. WSCC will check eligibility of children who have been in local authority care for one day or more in England or Wales.

All children found to be eligible will automatically have the EYPP funding paid against their Universal hours. Providers will be able to see which children have attracted the funding through the online provider portal.

## How the funding can be used

*Providers will use this funding most effectively where they have the flexibility to innovate and to spend it on the strategies that they think will be most effective . . . (DfE Consultation)*

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Whilst WSCC can provide suggestions on how the EYPP could be spent in order to improve the achievement of early learning goals, the use of the funding will be considered by Ofsted as part of an inspection.

*During an inspection of an early years provider, Ofsted Inspectors will consider how well disadvantaged children make progress. Their inspection report will include a statement on the strategies that the provider has used to raise the attainment of disadvantaged children, and how the EYPP is used to support these strategies. (DfE Consultation).*

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WSCC recommend that settings publish an EYPP policy or statement outlining their intentions of using the funding.

EYPP should follow the eligible child. If the child moves to a different provider part way through the year, the funding should therefore follow them along with their Universal FE.

## Further information

Guidance on [how to check eligibility and apply for the EYPP](#) through the online provider portal is available in the *Actuals* help guide document.

## Who should I contact for more information?

Family Information Service

- 01243 777807
- [westsussex.gov.uk/family](http://westsussex.gov.uk/family)
- [family.info.service@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:family.info.service@westsussex.gov.uk)