

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM (EYPP)

Dear Parent,

Nurseries, schools, childminders and other childcare providers will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. We wanted to write to you to explain what the Early Years Pupil Premium is, explain who is eligible for this funding and, importantly, to ask you to fill out the enclosed forms so that we as a provider can claim the extra funding.

What is the eligibility criteria?

Children must be three or four and using their funded early education allowance and their parent or carer must receive one of the following benefits:

- 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 (provided the family is not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after a family stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Funding may also be available if a child falls into one of the following groups:

- Adopted from care
- Has left care through a special guardianship arrangement
- Has left care and is subject to a child arrangement order (previously known as a residence order)

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 62p per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who were formally in local authority care but who left care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order. This means an extra £353.40 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 us.

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include for example additional training for our staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our



colleagues in the area to further our expertise or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language.

It is well documented that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school so we do 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. We want to do the same for our early years children entitled to this funding.

Children eligible for EYPP in Surrey County Council will receive holiday support vouchers at a value of £15.00 per week of each holiday period. A link will be sent to the parent for the vouchers to be claimed.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kind regards,

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