

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) Policy

Aim

ICP Nurseries believe that every child should have the best start in life, including our most vulnerable children.

Information

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional government funding for children aged three and four years old who are in receipt of the free government funding. The purpose of the funding is to further enhance early education for children and reduce potential barriers to learning, particularly for those children who may be vulnerable or disadvantaged.

All parents of children aged three and four years olds can apply for the funding, however, must meet the eligibility criteria as set out below:

Income Criteria

In receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of the state pension credit
- Child Tax Credit (If in receipt of working tax credit and earning over £7,000 a year)
- Support under V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit Run-on
- Universal Credit

Other Criteria

- Children are currently being looked after by the Local Authority in England and Wales
- Children who have left care of the Local Authority in England and Wales either through adoption, a special guardianship order or a child arrangement order.

Procedure for making parents and carers aware of EYPP funding

Early Years Pupil Premium is not always accessed by those that are eligible to the funding and this means that children are missing out on valuable funding so therefore it is important that every parent knows about EYPP and have the option to apply. It is important that we don't make assumptions about parent's income or discriminate towards parents.

Therefore, the Nursery Manager will advertise EYPP by displaying the EYPP poster on the parent board and will give out the EYPP parent letter with the local authority permission form each term to every parent who have a child aged three or four years old.

Once the funding has been allocated the nursery will receive confirmation from the Local Authority. This confirmation will be kept in the Leading a Culture of Excellence file.

Using Early Years Pupil Premium funding

When deciding how the funding will be spent, it is important to consider what the missing experiences are for the child at that point in time. For example, it could be that the family is accessing a food bank and the options for healthy eating are limited. In this case the nursery could use the funding to buy more cooking utensils to cook healthy recipes to take home and share with the family.

Further examples of how the funding can be used:

- To purchase home-learning resources
- To offer Parent Workshops
- To pay for Outings
- Purchasing a Library Card for the family
- To pay for a family trip at the weekend
- Paying for extra sessions to support the child's development or to support a parent who may be struggling
- Book vouchers to promote bedtime stories
- Purchasing resources to support the child's learning and development

- Staff training, such as, Makaton training.

This list is not exhaustive, and it is important to focus on the individual child when deciding how to use the funding.

Once you have decided how the nursery will use the funding, it is important that there is evidence of what has been put in place for the child and how this has benefitted them. Recording observations of the children, gaining parent feedback, photographs and gathering the child's voice are useful pieces of evidence. It is important throughout the process that parents are fully involved and informed of how the funding has been used and how this has benefitted their child.

From time to time the local authority may carry out an audit to see how funding has been spent. For this reason, evidence of this will be kept in the Leading a Culture of Excellence file.

Information about Early Years Pupil Premium can be found on Local Authority websites or from the Early Years Advisor for the setting.