

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 could be eligible for additional funding called the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

The Early Years Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to early years providers to improve outcomes for eligible children.

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 a free entitlement place in an early years provider, and you are in receipt of one or more of these 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 (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 your child:

- is looked after by Cheshire West and Chester Council
- has been adopted from care or
- has left care through special guardianship; or
- are subject to a child arrangement/residence order setting out with whom the child is to live



How do I apply for EYPP funding?

You should have received a letter about the funding from the early years provider(s) your child attends which will give you the following options to apply:
Completing a form at the early years provider that your child attends.
Complete the online form:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/EYpupilpremium>

Contact the Early Years Funding Team by:

Phone: 01244 973930

Email: **EYPP@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk**

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 will be based on 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.

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 provider. So if you claim 10 hours per week, the premium will be 10 x 53p (£5.30) per week.

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.