

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding that can be claimed by childcare providers to support eligible children's learning and development. The aim of the EYPP is to help 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. If parents/carers are eligible for EYPP, the funding goes to the provider and not directly to the family.

Eligibility for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Parent/carers must fully complete the Parent Authorisation Form (PAF) to enable providers to claim EYPP.

• **Economic (code ECO)**

Any child in receipt of funded early education could be eligible for this additional funding if their parents/carers have a household income below £16,190 **and** are claiming one of the following benefits (but not claiming Working Tax Credit):

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support allowance
- Universal Credit
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit four-week run-on (the payment they get when they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit

The above criteria are not the same as the criteria for 2 Year Old Funding. (2 Year Old Funding criteria also include those families with an income of £16,190 or less who **do** receive Working Tax Credit)

Non-economic

Children in receipt early education funding will also be eligible for EYPP if they are one of the following:

• **A Child in Care (code LAA)**

The child must have been recorded by the Local Authority as a Child in Care (CiC) for 1 day or more to qualify under this criterion.

The provider will need to see and keep a copy of the evidence that shows the child has been looked after by their Local Authority (CiC) for 1 day or more. If the parent/carer cannot provide you with any evidence to prove this, please contact the Suffolk Family Information Service via suffolkfis@suffolk.gov.uk for assistance.

• **Adopted from Care (code AFC)**

The child must have been adopted from care in England or Wales to qualify under this criterion.

You will need to see and keep a copy of the child's Adoption Certificate as proof of eligibility.

• **Subject to a Special Guardianship or Residence Order (code SGO)**

The child must have left care under a Child Arrangement Order, Special Guardianship or Residence Order to qualify under this criterion.

You will need to see and keep a copy of the child's Court Order as proof of eligibility.

Children become eligible for EYPP at different points in the year depending on when they turn 9 months old and remain eligible until they turn 4 years old. Providers should check the child's eligibility again the term before the child takes up their 4-year-old entitlement. This check will help them find out if the child's circumstances have changed and they have stopped being eligible as a result. Providers should remind parents to inform them of any changes in their personal details, e.g., change in surname as this will affect how the Provider Portal automatically re-checks the child's eligibility and may result in the child not being found on the Portal.

Calculation of EYPP funding payments

Eligible children attract £1 per **funded/universal** hour (or **expanded** hour for 9 month – 2-year-olds receiving funding under the working parent family criteria). Providers will be paid this amount for each funded hour attended by each eligible child. This equals:

£570 for a child attending 570 funded hours per funding year.

Children do not have to take up their full entitlement/s to receive EYPP.

EYPP funding payments

The EYPP payment will be included in the balance of the Early Education Funding and will be shown on the provider's funding statements. Providers will also receive a separate report in the Provider Portal identifying which children are eligible at half term and at the end of term. The 'P' in the funding column of the headcount task denotes which children have received EYPP.

How to use the EYPP funding

Providers must consider what they need in place to enable all children to reach their potential and to provide the best outcome for children and families.

Some examples of use can include:

- provision of materials and resources
- additional staffing support
- support from specialist services

Ofsted inspections will report on whether providers spend their EYPP funding effectively.