



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT THE EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM

What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

From **January 2015**, children who are currently claiming the Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds in Cambridgeshire, who meet certain eligibility criteria, could be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

The Early Years Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to early years/nursery providers to improve outcomes for eligible children. It is new this year.

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 free (Government funded) education with any Ofsted registered early years/nursery provider, and you are in receipt of one or more of these benefits (used to access eligibility for free school meals):

- 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 they:

- have been looked after by Cambridgeshire County Council for at least one day;
- have been adopted from care in Cambridgeshire; or
- have left care in Cambridgeshire through special guardianship; or
- are subject to a child arrangement order setting out with whom the child is to live (formerly known as residence orders) in Cambridgeshire.

How do I apply for EYPP funding?

If you completed a parental contract with your early years/nursery provider, you should receive a letter from the County Council telling you (yes or no) whether your child is entitled to the Early Years Pupil Premium.

If you attend a local authority nursery school or class, you may have completed a **“Count me in!”** form.

Alternatively, you can apply online:

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms_form.aspx?formID=26&language=en

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

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 should be informed by 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.

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.