

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) in Bedford Borough

Provider Information

What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

The EYPP is additional funding to support disadvantaged 3 and 4 year olds receiving the Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) which will come into effect from April 2015. The EYPP will be paid to local authorities through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Local Authorities will be required to pass it onto early years providers for each eligible child at the hourly rate of 53p per hour (around £300 for a full time place of 15 hours).

Which settings are eligible?

All registered early years providers that take children for the FEEE – including private, voluntary and independent providers; and childminders – will be able to claim the EYPP for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.

Which children are eligible?

Children will be eligible if they are 3 or 4 years old and receiving Government funded FEEE in any OFSTED registered provider and their parents are in receipt of one or more 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 you're 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Or if they have been:

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

The investment in Early Years Premium is for early years childcare and education to narrow the attainment gap between young children from low-income families and their peers, setting them on a path to a more successful future.

How should providers use the funding?

Early years providers will be able to determine how the funding is spent, but it will be down to each individual provider to decide how to utilise the EYPP in order to ensure the very best outcomes for the children in their care. The consultation document from Department for Education (DfE) suggests providers may choose to employ graduate level staff, early years teachers or to pool funding with other providers to jointly schedule training or arrange additional support. Common themes may be:

- Children's language and communication
- Attachment, well-being and behaviour
- Physical development
- Engagement with parents

Providers should use relevant research and evidence on what works in improving quality in the early years when making decisions about how to use their EYPP funding. They will need to maximise the effectiveness of this additional funding to improve children's outcomes and to boost disadvantaged children's achievement so as to 'narrow the gap'.

What is the role of providers?

DfE are clear that providers will be expected to evidence outcomes as a result of the funding allocated and this will be assessed as part of the OfSTED inspection. Providers will need to track progress of children so impact can be measured. OfSTED are clear that EYPP will form part of their existing inspection framework. Providers should ensure they can demonstrate:

- Effective Leadership & Management
- How well the provision meets the needs of the range of children in attendance.

From 2016 the census will collect information on numbers of children receiving the EYPP at each setting.

Providers may be required to make available/show evidence of spend in relation to EYPP.

What is the role of Bedford Borough Council in relation to EYPP?

We are committed to ensuring you understand what will be expected of you and have strategies and ideas on how to utilise the funding to make a difference to children.

We want to ensure that you as providers are clear about this new policy and have issued this briefing sheet to start the flow of communication.

The Early Years team will schedule *Provider Briefings* in the Summer and Autumn terms and which will share information on the processes of the EYPP and give suggestions and ideas on how the funding could be utilised. We will also provide support and guidance via the Bedford Borough Foundation Stage Forum.

What do I need to do next?

Providers should ensure they are aware of relevant information on the Early Years Pupil Premium which can be found on the Department for education (DFE) Website - www.gov.uk
To help promote the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) we have issued a consent form that providers should give to **all** parents and carers to complete. This form will also be made available for providers to download from Bedford's website.

For further information please contact your ACE contact.