

The government has introduced the new EYPP funding from 1st April 2015. The EYPP is additional funding for early years providers to improve the quality of education they provide for disadvantaged **3 and 4 year olds**. The EYPP is an extension of the Pupil Premium that is paid to schools from the Reception year.

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.

It is the provider's responsibility to identify parents/carers who are eligible for EYPP.

Eligibility for the Pupil Premium in schools and the EYPP is based on the free school meals criteria.

Children must receive free Early Education in order to attract EYPP funding.

Eligibility for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

3 and 4 year olds in state funded Early Education will attract EYPP funding if the child or their parent/carer meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

- **Economic (code ECO)**

The family must have an annual household income of £16,190 or less **and** be in receipt of at least 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 VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit 4 week run-on (the payment they get when they stop qualifying for working tax credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) and a joint family income is £16,190 per year or less

The above criterion is not the same as the existing criteria for 2 year old funding. As from September 2014 the government opened up the criteria for 2 year old funding to include those families in receipt of child tax credit and/ or working tax credit and earn no more than £16,190.

This criterion for EYPP is the same as the first 20% of 2 year olds who were eligible for the 2 year old funding in September 2013. Under the original criteria if parents received working tax credit they were not eligible for 2 year old funding.

You will need to record the reference number provided by the parent/carer and check using the online checker (<http://www.myearlylearning.co.uk/EarlyYears>). Alternatively, you will need to see and keep a copy of the paper evidence provided as proof of eligibility.

- **Looked After Child (code LAA)**

The child must have been looked after by their local authority (LAC) for 1 day or more to qualify under this criterion.

If the parent/carer cannot provide you with any evidence to prove their eligibility please call the Suffolk Families Information Service on 0345 60 800 33 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.

- **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.

EYPP Funding Paperwork

Sample letter - we have produced a sample letter about the Early Years Pupil Premium for childcare providers to adapt for Parents/Carers. Please hand out this letter to parents of funded 3 and 4 years olds along with the Parent Authorisation Form (PAF3 / PAF4).

The **Parent Authorisation Forms (PAF3 and PAF4)** now incorporate the EYPP registration form on pages 3 and 4.

You will need to:

- see evidence of how a Parent/Carer qualifies for the EYPP.
- keep a copy of the evidence seen with the PAF & EYPP registration form for audit purposes.

Electronic Checker

You will be pleased to know the electronic checker parents/carers use to check economic eligibility for the 2 year old funding has been extended to incorporate an eligibility check for the new EYPP. If a parent/carer confirms they are eligible for EYPP using the online checker, they will present you with a reference number from the checker. Please verify this number in the checker and add to the parent authorisation form (PAF3 or PAF4) on the provider declaration on page 4.

As you will appreciate when the new PAF forms were designed and made available to providers at the end of last term the eligibility checker was not available. The PAF forms will be revised for the Autumn Term 2015 to include a specific area on the provider declaration on page 4 for the eligibility reference number to be added.

Eligibility for the EYPP needs to be checked the term after the child becomes three - the term in which they qualify for their 3 year old funding.

Eligibility needs to be checked again the term after a child becomes 4 - the term in which they qualify for their 4 year old funding. **This is a DfE requirement, as a family's entitlement for EYPP may change.**

3 and 4 Year Old Early Education Funding Claim Form

There is now space on the end of the funding claim form for you to identify if a child meets the eligibility criteria for EYPP. Please indicate all boxes that apply.

2, 3 and 4 Year Old Early Education Funding Summary

There is now a new section, table 2, on the summary form for you to identify any children who meet the eligibility criteria for EYPP. Your termly payment for EYPP will be based on the numbers added in this table.

Calculation of EYPP funding payments

Eligible children will attract 53p per funded hour.

Providers will receive £302.10 per annum for each eligible child who takes up their full 570 hours entitlement.

For example a provider with eligible children attending the full 15 hours a week for the 38 weeks a year could receive:

5 children	£1,510.50
10 children	£3,021.00

Children do not have to take up the full 15 hours they are entitled to in order to get EYPP.

EYPP funding payments

The Payment to your setting in respect of any EYPP funding will be made separately in the second half of the term. The remittance advice you will receive will clearly show EYPP funding.

How you use the EYPP funding

You need to think about what you need to have 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

We have commissioned workforce development to provide some training to support settings on how best to use the EYPP funding in their settings.

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

Marketing for the Early years Pupil Premium

We have produced some posters which are available for you to download from the funding page and display in your setting to publicise the EYPP to parents/carers.

We are working on other publicity materials and these will be available soon.