The Early Years Pupil Premium

From April 2015, nurseries, schools, child-minders and other registered childcare providers will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. We want to explain what the Early Years Pupil Premium is, who is eligible for this funding and, importantly, to ask you to fill out the online form so that we as a provider can claim the extra funding.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who have been in care or adopted from care. This means an extra £302 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early education. This additional money could make a significant difference to your child's attainment in the future.

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include for example additional training for our staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our colleagues in the area to further our expertise or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language.

It is well documented that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school so we do want to make the most of this additional funding. You may be aware, if you have older children that a pupil premium has been available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost to the children's attainment. We want to do the same for our early years children who are entitled to this funding.

Eligibility criteria - family are in receipt of the following:

- o Income Support
- o Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- o Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- o Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- o The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- o Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.00)
- o Working Tax Credit Run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of an adoption order in England or Wales
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of a special guardianship order in England or Wales

- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of a child arrangements order in England or Wales
- Children who have been looked after by a local authority for 1 day or more in England or Wales

We will be pleased to discuss the EYPP with you and, if you feel that you meet one of the criteria above, will advise you to complete an online application form. To assist with this we will advise you of the full name and DfE unique reference number (URN) of the setting.

Please go to www.kent.gov.uk/pupilpremium to complete the application form.

When you have completed the application form you will be given a reference number which you should make a note of. Please could you give this number to us so we are aware that you have made your application.

If you are applying for the EYPP because your child has been adopted from care you must let us have evidence of the adoption (please note that sensitive information should be hidden).

Your application will be received by KCC Management Information who will carry out the necessary checks to ensure that your child is eligible for the EYPP funding. Should the checks show that your child is not eligible we will contact you to check the information received is correct. Please be aware that economic eligibility criteria for 3 year olds need to be checked again in the September of the academic year that the child will turn 4.

EYPP funding is paid direct to the setting to improve your child's learning experience; there is no monetary value for parents.

If you have any questions, please contact the Preschool