

Frequently asked questions about EYPP for parents and carers

Q. What is the EYPP?

A. The Early Years Pupil Premium or EYPP was introduced in April 2015 and provides extra funding for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits (economic criteria) or who have been in care or adopted from care ('other' criteria).

Q. Will I get the money?

A. No unlike the Free for 2 place scheme, the funding goes to your child's nursery, school or childminder.

Q. How much is the funding?

A. It provides an extra £302 a year for any child receiving 15 hours of the Early Education Entitlement (if they attend less than 15 hours, this will be pro-rata).

Q. What will the funding be used for?

A. It will be used to support your child's learning to help them to be ready for school. The money might be used for staff training, extra resources, staff time or interesting activities, such as outings to local areas.

Q. Will I be involved in how the money is spent?

A. Yes your child's key person should involve you in how the money is spent and report back on the difference it is making e.g. developing children's communication and social skills

Q. Why has the government provided this funding?

A. It already provided extra funding for school-age children (Pupil Premium) and two year olds and the EYPP ensures there is no gap in this funding stream for three and four year olds.

Q. How do I apply for the EYPP?

A. Your setting will ask you to give permission for your eligibility to be checked when they ask you to complete the parental declaration form for parents wishing to claim Free Early Education for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds. The form states:

'I confirm that the details I have supplied are accurate and true. I give permission for the early years provider named in this agreement to complete an application for EYPP on my behalf.'

Q. Is it compulsory for me to sign the EYPP part of the parent declaration form?

A. No it is not compulsory but if you do not agree your child's setting could lose out on £302 a year which could be used to support your child's individual learning.

Q. I have an adopted child does this make a difference?

A. Children who are adopted or in the care of the local authority will definitely be eligible for the EYPP. You can apply by completing the online application form at www.kent.gov.uk/pupilpremium and giving the provider your reference number so they are aware that you have applied.

Q. Can the setting apply on my behalf?

A. Just ask and your setting will be happy to do this on-line for you or you can complete a paper form and they can submit it electronically on your behalf.