

## **What is Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)?**

The EYPP is additional funding that the government is making available for early years settings (including childminders) to improve the education they provide for disadvantaged three and four year olds.

## **Which children will be eligible for EYPP?**

Three and four year old children accessing Free Early Education will attract EYPP based on the following criteria:

Children from low income families (as defined by the criteria for free school meals)

Children who have been looked after for 1 day or more.

Children who have been adopted from local authority care in England or Wales.

Children who have left care under a special guardianship order or child arrangement order in England or Wales.

## **How will I know if a child is eligible?**

You will need to talk to parents to find out if they think they may be eligible for EYPP funding (based on the criteria above).

Where a parent thinks they may be eligible under the benefits criteria you will need to ask for them for their consent to share information with Lancashire County Council in order for us to undertake an eligibility check against the national eligibility checking system.

Where a child has been adopted from local authority care or left care under a special guardianship order the parent will need to provide LCC with a copy of the adoption order/special guardianship order.

Where a child is currently looked after by LCC early years settings will not be required to do anything as the council will automatically flag these children as eligible.

The DfE have also produced a model form and letter to help early years settings identify which children may be eligible for the EYPP. This information is available at <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/02/early-years-pupil-premium-guidance-for-providers/>

## **How much extra money will I receive for each child that is eligible for EYPP?**

The EYPP is an additional £0.53 per hour per child, which equates to £302.10 per year if a child takes up their full 570 hours free early education entitlement. The funding will be directly linked to the child and will therefore follow the child should the child move between settings from one term to the next (in the same way that FEE hours do).

Where a child attends more than one setting the EYPP will be proportionate to the number of hours attended at each setting.

### **Are there any restrictions on how EYPP funding is spent?**

EYPP funding must be used to improve the quality of early years education. The DfE have stated that there will no restrictions placed on [settings](#) in terms of how they do this, however they are encouraging [settings](#) to use their funding to reconfigure their nursery to be teacher led and employing a teacher.

### **Will I be held to account for how I spend the EYPP?**

Yes. Although Ofsted are not imposing restrictions on how the funding should be used, through the regular inspection process they will hold [settings](#) to account for how it has been used to support their disadvantaged children, so you will need to be able to evidence this.

### **What is the process for claiming EYPP?**

We are currently developing the systems to enable settings to submit information about parents in order for LCC to undertake the eligibility checks. We anticipate this will be done through the normal headcount process for the Summer 2015 term and are currently working with our IT suppliers to ensure the Provider Portal is available to record this information. Detailed information about how to do this will be sent out with the summer headcount communication towards the end of March/early April.

### **What do I need to do next?**

It would be beneficial to read the model letter and registration form that the DfE have produced (see link above) and share this with parents. You may want to start collecting the information from parents that will be needed for LCC to undertake eligibility checks, so that you have the information ready once the processes have been developed.

Please **do not** submit any information to LCC at this stage, we will write to you to let you know what the process will be once it has been finalised.

### **How can get I more support on EYPP?**

The Early Years Consultant Team will be delivering a locality cluster workshop on the Early Years Pupil Premium. This is available as part of the package of support for settings that access a Setting Service Guarantee for level 1, level 2 or level 3 from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. If you are a day nursery/preschool playgroup and have any specific questions you can talk to the Early Years Professional Development Centre on 01772 456405

The Quality Childcare Development Team will be providing information for childminders through the termly cluster meetings and through support visits. More information will be available on the website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/family](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/family) by clicking on the 'area for professionals'. If you are a childminder or an out of school club and

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