

## The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) - Information for Parents and Carers

From April 2015, children who are currently claiming the Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds in Leicestershire, who meet certain eligibility criteria could be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

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

The Early Years Pupil Premium is additional funding available to improve outcomes for children.

Children will be eligible if they are 3 or 4 years old, receiving Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) with any OFSTED registered childcare provider and their parents are in receipt of one or more of the 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; and subject to a child arrangement order setting out with whom the child is to live (formerly known as residence orders)

*Parents/carers should make their provider aware if they believe their child is eligible for the EYPP.*

The EYPP will be made available to the childcare provider your child attends for their Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds. The premium will be used to improve the facilities, equipment and learning experiences to benefit your child's development.

### How do I check if I am eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium?

Your provider will ask you to fill out a form, detailing your name and national insurance number. You need to tick the box on the form to allow your provider to check for eligibility. Your provider will then use our online eligibility checker - this will give a decision

immediately along with a reference number. The provider will use this reference number to make the claim for the funding.

## **How do I receive the EYPP?**

The EYPP is paid directly to your childcare provider as part of their normal funding claim.

## **What type of childcare provider is eligible to receive the EYPP?**

Any OFSTED registered childcare provider can claim the EYPP if the parents/carers using their service give consent for their provider to check for eligibility and are then deemed to be eligible.

## **How can I find out more information about the Early Years Pupil Premium?**

We encourage all parents who are interested in finding out more about the EYPP to speak with their provider face to face – your child's key person should be able to help you find the information and support you need.