

## Early Years Pupil Premium for 3 & 4 year olds

The [Early Years Pupil Premium \(EYPP\)](#) is additional funding for early years settings to improve the education they provide for disadvantaged 3- and 4-year-olds. It applies to children in a Free Early Education place from April 2015.

There was a conference held in December 2015 where an **Effective EYPP Intervention Toolkit** was presented to providers in Waltham Forest. **Logged-in users can download below** the presentations that make up this toolkit (there are 10 documents in all).

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### **Providers' responsibilities**

Early years providers i.e. any organisation that offers education for children aged under 5, including nurseries and childminders, are responsible for:

- identifying which of the children in their care may be eligible for the EYPP
- passing that information on to the local authority.

**We would suggest that FEEE providers request, as part of their admissions process, that all parents carry out an EYPP eligibility check using the [Early Years Checker](#) prior to the child taking up their FEEE place.** By implementing a universal requirement to carry out an EYPP eligibility check as part of the admissions process parents/carers are not stigmatised and you can be sure that your setting will not miss out on any extra funding.

Should you have any further queries on administering the EYPP the DfE has produced a useful [question and answer sheet](#).

### **Eligibility criteria**

3- and 4-year-olds in state-funded early education will attract EYPP funding if they meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

- their family gets 1 of the following:
  - Income Support
  - income-based Jobseeker's 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 they'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, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- they have been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- they have been adopted from care in England or Wales
- they have left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

Children become eligible for the EYPP at different points in the year depending on when they turn 3. If the child's birth is between 1 January to 31 March, they can claim the EYPP from the beginning of term on or after 1 April. If the child's birth is between 1 April to 31 August, they can claim the EYPP from the beginning of term on or after 1 September. If the child's birth is between 1 September to 31 December, they can claim the EYPP from the beginning of term on or after 1 January.

4-year-olds in primary school reception classes who already receive the school-age pupil premium are not eligible for EYPP funding.

**If the parents/carers of a 3- and 4-year-old in state-funded early education believe they are eligible for the EYPP because they claim one of the benefits listed above, then they should confirm this using [Waltham Forest's online eligibility checker](#). We encourage all FEEE providers to assist parents in going through the checker. It is the same online checker as for checking eligibility for the 2-year-old FEEE.**

For those who are eligible under one of the non-income based criteria e.g. adopted child, parents/providers can contact the Childcare Team and be provided with a manually generated code.

### **EYPP for children who are in local authority care**

[Virtual school heads \(VSH\)](#) are responsible for managing EYPP funding for looked-after children.

The VSH in the London Borough of Waltham Forest is responsible for identifying the looked-after children who are eligible for EYPP funding. This will include any looked-after children who live in the borough, even those who get their early years education with a provider based in a different local authority.

VSHs are also responsible for managing the EYPP. They are in charge of giving the premium to the early years providers that educate looked-after children (children in local-authority care) who are taking up the [free early education entitlement for 3- or 4-year-olds](#).

[Further information on the Virtual School for Looked After Children in Waltham Forest](#)

### **EYPP Funding**

The EYPP will be £0.53 per hour taken up by an eligible child. The EYPP is child-specific and will be paid in arrears for eligible children as part of the termly reconciliation, in addition to the EYSFF hourly rate for eligible pupils included in headcount returns.

### **How to spend your EYPP**

Please visit the [Early Education website](#) to see:

- [a range of sources that can help you to refine your decision making processes in regard to EYPP;](#)
- [some possible ideas for spending the EYPP funding; and](#)
- [a report on practical tips on allocating Early Years Pupil Premium funding. Guidance from the Learning Together About Learning project, funded by the Department for Education.](#)

## Contacts

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