

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

Amendment History

Revision	Author	Description of Change	Date Updated
Original	CH	Creation of new policy	May 2015
1	CH	Reviewed, no change	November 2016
2	CH	Add details of application for EYPP, checking eligibility and adoption/guardianship criteria	November 2016

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Background

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) was introduced in April 2015 for eligible children. Eligible children are those whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits or credits (or who meet the adoption/guardianship criteria):

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.00
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after ceasing to qualify for Working Tax Credit

EYPP provides an additional payment per hour in addition to the Nursery Education Fund (NEF) payment for eligible children for the NEF hours they attend.

Adoption or Special Guardianship

To be eligible for EYPP the child must have

- Been Looked After by the local authority for at least one day
- Been Adopted from care
- Left care through Special Guardianship
- Been or is subject to a child arrangement order (formerly known as a residence order)

Applying for EYPP

In order to claim EYPP, parents must complete the relevant part of the Parent Declaration Form (PDF) supplied to Playgroup by Warwickshire County Council (WCC). If you are claiming under the adoption or guardianship criteria, a photocopy of the relevant Adoption Birth Certificate or Court Order must be supplied to Playgroup and a copy sent to the funding office as supporting evidence.

WCC uses an automatic Central Government Eligibility Checking Service (ECS) to check eligibility for EYPP only. The sharing of information for this service is permitted by section 110 of the Education Act 2005, and section 13A of the Childcare Act 2006 (as inserted by the Education Act 2011).

Aim

The aim is for the additional EYPP funding to be used to benefit the individual eligible children, and to support them to meet age appropriate levels of development and reach their own potential.

Practical application

At this setting EYPP additional funding is used to support eligible children in the following ways:

Individual children

- Nursery meals on the days when children from playgroup are able to access 'hot dinners' at Kineton Primary School; currently this is Wednesday and Thursday each week
- Summer coach trips (usually Jephson Gardens or Mary Arden's Farm, depending on year group)
- Swimming lessons with a qualified swimming coach in the summer term
- Individual targeted support

Support for cohort

- The developmental needs of the cohort in receipt of EYPP is analysed, and consideration is given as to any further staff training which could support those identified needs
- From April 2015 the key area of need was identified as Communication (Speech and Language) support, which also had an impact on the child's progress within Personal, Social and Emotional Development, and Literacy areas of learning
- It was decided to use the balance of funding to support the training of all members of staff in Time to Talk Tier 1, and for one member of staff to progress to Tier 3 and become a Speech and Language leader.
- Continuous professional development for the Speech and Language leader, who will then cascade training to other staff members
- Wellcomm screening

Analysis

- Tracking. The development and progress of all children is tracked over the time they attend this setting. The cohort in receipt of EYPP (and who had previously been in receipt of 2Help funding) is tracked separately in order that their development and progress may be compared to their whole year group
- Finance. The application of EYPP funding, as outlined in this policy, is recorded.