

Early Years Pupil Premium (parents)

What is the early years pupil premium?

Early years pupil premium is an additional amount of funding that pre-schools, nurseries, schools and childminders will be able to claim to support the development and learning of eligible three and four year old children.

What benefit will it be to my child?

The pre-school, nursery, school or childminder that your child attends will receive an additional amount of funding to support your child's development. They will work with you to decide what they should spend this funding on. It may be training for the staff to help them to support your child better or they may buy some resources to assist your child's learning.

Who is eligible for the funding?

Children will attract early years pupil premium if their families are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Income support
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-based)
- Employment & Support Allowance (Income-related)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit based on an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on

How do I find out if my child is eligible for early years pupil premium?

Every term you will have to sign a parent declaration form at your child's setting. The parent declaration has a section that asks for your surname, date of birth and national insurance number. These details are needed to check to see if your child is eligible for early years pupil premium.

I am not the child's parent but I am their main carer. Are they eligible?

The following groups of children are automatically eligible:

- children who are looked after by the local authority
- children who have left care through a special guardianship, adoption or residence order.

If the child you look after falls into one of the above categories there is no need for an eligibility check to be performed and you will not need to complete the early years pupil premium section of the parent declaration form. You just need to let the setting know about your child's circumstances.

My child is adopted, are they eligible?

Yes. There is no need for an eligibility check to be performed and you will not need to complete the early years pupil premium section of the parent declaration form. You just need to let the setting know about your child's circumstances.

For further information please speak with your child's setting and they will talk you through the process to claim this additional funding and explain in more detail how the funding can support your child.