

## **Parental Guide to the Early Years Pupil Premium for eligible 3 and 4 year old children**

The Department for Education (DfE) is introducing an Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) for eligible 3 and 4 year old children in April 2015. This is an exciting initiative for children whose parents/carers meet one of the following criteria:

- Economic – The family are in receipt of one of the following:
  - Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
  - Child tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.00
  - Working Tax Credit Run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working tax Credit)
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of an adoption order in England or Wales
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of a special guardianship order in England or Wales
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of a child arrangements order in England or Wales
- Children who have been looked after by a local authority for 1 day or more in England or Wales

This initiative has the potential to make a big difference to the attainment of children. Providers will receive additional funding to ensure that children are ready to succeed at school, have excellent foundations for learning and are equipped well for achievement in life, no matter what their background.

Your provider will discuss the EYPP with you and, if you feel that you meet one of the criteria above, will advise you to complete an online application form. To assist with this the provider will advise you of the full name and DfE unique reference number (URN) of the setting.

Please go to [www.kent.gov.uk/pupilpremium](http://www.kent.gov.uk/pupilpremium) to complete the application form.

When you have completed the application form you will be given a reference number which you should make a note of. If you are applying for the EYPP because your child has been adopted from care you must let your provider have evidence of the adoption (please note that sensitive information should be hidden). Your application will be received by KCC Management Information who will carry out the necessary checks to ensure that your child is eligible for the EYPP funding. Should the checks show that your child is not eligible you will be contacted to check the information received is correct. Please be aware that economic eligibility criteria for 3 year olds need to be checked again in the September of the academic year that the child will turn 4.

EYPP funding is paid direct to the setting to improve your child's learning experience; there is no monetary value for parents. The funding cannot be used to book additional hours at the setting.