

Early Years Pupil Premium Guide for Private Voluntary & Independent Providers for 3 and 4-year-old children

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced an Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) in April 2015. This is an exciting initiative which has the potential to make a big difference to the attainment of disadvantaged children.

Following confirmation from the Department for Education (DfE) we would advise you that once a child's eligibility for EYPP has been confirmed you will no longer have to re-check eligibility on an annual basis, unless the child changes setting.

We would encourage you to talk to parents about claiming EYPP and the ways this additional funding may be spent to support their child, please note there is no monetary value for parents.

In previous years parents/carers of children eligible for Free Entitlement for two-year olds (FF2) have been able to give their permission for an automatic check for EYPP when their child is eligible for 3&4-year-old universal funding. Management Information will no longer be able to hold data for this purpose and parent /carers will need to complete the relevant section of the parental declaration giving providers permission to apply for EYPP.

To be eligible for the EYPP parents/carers must meet one of the following criteria:

Economic:

- 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 are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit if a parent is entitled to Universal Credit they must have an annual net **earned** income equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods

Other Criteria

- 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 are currently being looked after by a Local Authority in England or Wales

Please be aware that EYPP is paid based on the Universal funded hours only – not on the extended entitlement.

Applying for EYPP

Parent/carers need to complete the relevant section of the parental declaration if they wish you to apply for EYPP.

You will then need to complete the online application via the Free Early Education for 3 to 4 year olds page on KELSI <http://www.kelsi.org.uk/school-management/data-andreporting/management-information/early-years-free-entitlement>

Economic Criteria

Management Information will check eligibility with Eligibility Checking Service (ECS) and advise you of the outcome. The ECS advises us if the information submitted does not match data they hold so if, for example, the parent date of birth or name does not match the National Insurance number submitted you will receive a “No Trace – Check Data” result. If you receive this result, please check the details with the parent and resubmit. Other results are either eligible or not eligible.

Other Criteria

Children who have left the care of a local authority

Providers must email MI at eyfe@kent.gov.uk to confirm that evidence has been seen before a payment can be processed. Payments will be processed in line with the payment process shown below.

Children who are currently being looked after by a local authority

All applications for children currently being looked after by a Local Authority will be forwarded to Virtual School Kent (VSK). Providers must also inform VSK via marian.smith@kent.gov.uk to confirm that the child is attending at their provision. VSK will verify eligibility and will make EYPP payments for these children.

Funding

Providers will receive an additional £0.53 per funded hour for the eligible children under the economic criteria and for those children who have left the care of a local authority. Providers will receive EYPP funding that is proportionate to the number of funded hours that a child is taking up, to a maximum of 570 hours in the child's funding year. This will be paid on a termly basis. Unfortunately, payments cannot be released until the headcount claims for all settings have been verified.

Payments Process

Management Information will check for eligible children where payments were processed in the previous term. Payments for these children will be processed in the first payment run due in providers' accounts in the week commencing Week Commencing 2nd March 2020. Payments for new application forms received prior to the half term break (where the checks are in order) will be included in the first payment run.

Forms received during or after the half term break will be checked and payments for eligible children will then be processed every two weeks.