

12th November 2018

IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE FUNDING - THANK YOU

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Early Years Pupil Premium

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is extra funding available for all early years providers that offer early years education for 3 and 4 year olds. The extra funding can be used to further improve the quality of education provided for disadvantaged children.

The EYPP provides an extra 53 pence per hour for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. This means an extra £302.10 a year for each eligible child taking up the full 570 hours of funded entitlement for early education.

Who is eligible for funding?

If you receive at least one of the benefits listed below, your child's early years provider will be entitled to EYPP:

- 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 you 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, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

You can also claim if a child has:

- been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- been adopted from care in England or Wales
- left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

Children must receive free early education in order to attract EYPP funding, but they do not have to take up the full 570 hours they are entitled to.

Application for parents, legal guardians and professionals

Applications should be completed if one of the above criteria is met. Please complete the online application form which can be accessed at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/early-years-pupil-premium>

The additional money will make a significant difference. We can use the extra funding to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include, for example, additional training for our staff, investing in partnership working with our colleagues to further our expertise or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language development.

High quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school. You may be aware that a pupil premium is already available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost. We want to do the same for our early years children.

If you would like support to complete an application form, please contact the school office. **Please note that the deadline for applications is 30th November 2018.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Harris in the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Morris
Headteacher