

Early Years Pupil Premium

What is EYPP?

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) gives providers of early education and childcare extra funding to support eligible three and four year olds. Providers are paid Early Years pupil premium at the rate of 0.60p per hour for three and four year old children (for 2022/2023) EYPP is paid to eligible children attending up to 15 hours per week on their universal entitlement, EYPP cannot be applied to the additional 15 hours entitlement for children in receipt of 30 hours. Therefore up to £342 per academic year. Once eligibility has been confirmed, EYPP is in place until the child transfers to reception. Four-year-olds in primary school reception classes are not eligible for EYPP funding. Children will be eligible from the term after their third birthday, in line with the universal 15-hour entitlement to early education for three and four year olds.



Who is eligible?

Three and four-year-olds in funded early education will be eligible for EYPP funding if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

Their family gets one of the following:

- 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're 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 four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided they 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.) Children are also be eligible if:
 - They have been in local-authority care for one day or more in England or Wales
 - They've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

How to Claim EYPP

Providers need to collect information from parents to check if they are eligible for EYPP. There is an application form within the toolkit which you can use with your families to collect the required information.

For children who might be eligible due to the financial criteria, the local authority checks eligibility with HMRC using the carer information you add when you claim funding via the Early Years Provider Portal. Please ensure that the information provided is correct, in particular the **Parent's Surname**, **Parent's Date of Birth** and their **National Insurance number**.

For some families in receipt of Universal Credit, the HMRC check may not return a valid result. If after receiving the termly EYPP report you believe the family are eligible, a manual check can be carried out. Copies of the family's last three months universal credit statements are required. You can send the statements to:
EarlyYearsFunding@cumbria.gov.uk

Please use EGRESS to send the information securely.

What about Children Looked After?

For Children Looked After (CLA) by the local authority, we check the current children and add the EYPP eligibility, however if you have identified a CLA the application form can also be returned to us securely via the email address above.

What if the child had previously been eligible for a funded 2 place?

Please note you will need to add the carer information again for funded 2 year olds, as we need permission from parents to use their details to check for EYPP.

How will I know who is receiving EYPP?

You will receive a termly report listing the children you are in receipt of EYPP for.

What can I spend EYPP on?

You may wish to consider the case studies and information gathered by Early Education on the use of EYPP: EYPP: the basics - Early Education (early-education.org.uk)

How do I monitor the impact of EYPP?

There are examples of monitoring documents included in the Fairer Start toolkit on the Cumbria County Council website. You may wish to use any of the documents or create your own way to monitor the impact.