

Early Years Pupil Premium:

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra amount of money to the nursery or preschool for 3 and 4 year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits or who have been adopted or are in care.

The provider can use the funding in any way they chose to improve the quality of the early years' education that they provide for the children. This could include, for example, additional training for staff on early language, investing in partnership working with colleagues to further their expertise or supporting staff working on specialised areas such as speech and language.

It is well documented that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school. A pupil premium has been available for school age children and it has given a real boost to the children receiving the funding.

Is your child eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium? What is the eligibility criteria?

Children must be three or four years old and using their funded early education allowance, and their parent or carer must receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers 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 the family is not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after a family stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

You may also get early years pupil premium if your child is currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales or if your child has left care in England or Wales through:

- Adopted from care
- Has left care through a special guardianship arrangement
- Has left care and is subject to a child arrangement order (previously known as a residence order)

You can complete an Application Form for Early Years Pupil Premium online at
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