

Frequently Asked Questions About EYPP For Parents and Carers

Q. What is the EYPP?

A. The Early Years Pupil Premium or EYPP was introduced in April 2015 and provides extra funding for three-and four-year-old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits (economic criteria) or who have left care or currently being looked after by their local authority (other criteria).

Q. Will I get the money?

A. No, there is no monetary value for parents, the funding goes to your child's nursery, school, or childminder.

Q. How much is the funding?

A. It provides an extra £353 (April 2023) a year for any child receiving 15 hours of the Early Education Entitlement (if they attend less than 15 hours, this will be pro-rata).

Q. What will the EYPP funding be used for?

A. It will be used to support your child's learning and development to help them to be ready for the next stage in their learning. The money might be used for staff training, extra resources, staff time or interesting activities, such as outings to local areas.

Q. Will I be involved in how the money is spent?

A. Yes, your child's key person should involve you in how the money is spent and report back on the difference it is making e.g., developing children's communication and social skills.

Q. Why has the government provided this funding?

A. The government has already provided extra funding for school-age children (Pupil Premium) and two-year-olds (Free For Two) and the EYPP ensures there is no gap in this funding stream for eligible three-and four-year-olds.

Q. How will EYPP make a difference?

A. EYPP can be focused on making sure that every child makes good progress, and no child gets left behind.

Q. How do I apply for the EYPP?

A. Your setting will ask you to give permission for your eligibility to be checked when they ask you to complete the parental declaration form for parents wishing to claim Free Early Education for eligible two-, three- and four-year-olds. The form states:

'I give permission for the early years provider named in this agreement to complete an application for EYPP on my behalf.'

Q. Is it compulsory for me to sign the EYPP part of the parent declaration form?

A. No it is not compulsory but if you do not agree your child's setting could lose out on £353 a year which could be used to support your child's individual learning.

Q. I have an adopted child does this make a difference?

A. Children who are adopted or in the care of the local authority will definitely be eligible for EYPP. Speak to your setting who will be happy to discuss this further and make an application for EYPP.

For more information:

[Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2023 to 2024](#)