



## **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) Policy**

### ***What is Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)***

The EYPP pays an additional amount per hour per eligible child to the nursery on a termly basis. Children aged 9 months to 4 years are eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) if they receive government-funded early education hours and their parents receive qualifying low-income benefits, or if the child has a care background

### ***The Department for Education states:***

“The aim of the Early Years Pupil Premium is to close the gap between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers by providing funding to early years providers to help them raise the quality of their provision.”.

### ***Children will be eligible for EYPP if they meet at least one of the following criteria:***

Their family receives one of the following:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✓ Income-based 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 also not 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 - for places starting from summer term 2018 (on or after 1 April 2018), if a parent is entitled to Universal Credit, they must have an annual net earned income equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400.
- ✓ They have been in local authority care for one day or more in England or Wales
- ✓ They have been adopted from care in England or Wales
- ✓ They have left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

### ***How we spend the EYPP***

Pupil Premium money will be used to enhance practice and provision through a variety of channels across the nursery to address the needs of children.

This could be by:

- ✓ Providing 1-1 opportunities during the session
- ✓ To enhance staff skills and knowledge by attending specific training courses
- ✓ Providing access to professional advice, support and services
- ✓ Providing additional equipment and resources
- ✓ Providing additional staff for specific sessions to reduce staff to children ratios and provide additional support where children need it
- ✓ Offering additional sessions to the family

How the funding is used will be determined by the needs of the individual children attending the Nursery who are in receipt of EYPP and therefore may change from term to term.

### ***Monitoring***

Monitoring the impact of the EYPP is especially important to ensure that it is being used to enhance provision and improve outcomes for children. We have paperwork/spreadsheets in place to monitor expenditure for the EYPP.

We monitor the impact on children's development who are in receipt of EYPP on a termly basis, by:

- ✓ Termly reports, highlighting their achievements and reflecting on next steps and attainment data.
- ✓ Feedback from parents/carers
- ✓ Feedback from staff

### ***Parents and the keyworker***

We would like parents to be as involved as possible in the decision making for the expenditure of the EYPP. We will endeavour to invite the parents into the nursery for a meeting to discuss how the additional funds can support their child. The child's keyperson will be made aware that the child is in receipt of EYPP so they can identify targets and discuss possible ideas that will benefit the child.

### **Disability Access Fund (DAF)**

The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is an annual lumpsum grant for early years providers. To qualify, the child must receive Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and access free early education hours. We use this fund to make reasonable adjustments to the setting, improve access, and buy specialised equipment and/or use for additional staffing or courses to benefit the child or setting.

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