

Early Years Pupil Premium Funding General Information

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional Government funding for children who meet a certain criteria:

- Children whose parents are in receipt of benefits such as income support
- Children who were formerly in local authority care but who left care because they were adopted
- Children who are subject to a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangements order.
- Children of service men and women.

EYPP funding for nursery age children is a set amount of money per child, per term. This money, allocated to the school, is targeted to support those individual children in order to diminish any difference between their attainment and that of non-EYPP children. The money has been used to support children's development, learning, well-being and care, make a contribution to the cost of a range of interventions and support initiatives, enhance the provision and resources that they have access to every day and buy in workshops and fun activities to support the Early Years curriculum. In the process, the whole nursery benefits. All our children are supported in their learning and make the best possible progress.

Decisions on how to spend the money are made by key teachers at half termly staff meetings, drawing on their knowledge of their EYPP children's interests and needs. We track children's progress and wellbeing through regular formal and informal assessments, meetings and conversation with their key person. This enables us to measure the impact of the additional funding that we receive.

We are very keen to access EYPP funding so we can ensure that we provide the best start for all of our children. As matter of routine, we give out information to every new parent/carer. Staff are available to talk to those parents who feel that their child may be eligible, we will find the answers to any questions they may have. We ask **all** families to fill in the relevant section of the funding declaration form, which will allow us to claim the funding for as many children as possible. Eligibility is checked simply and in confidence, through a county run online system, using a parent/carer's National Insurance number.

A report from our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner March 2021 concluded: "**children receiving EYPP funding and those who are vulnerable are well supported by the school**".

Our last Ofsted inspection (February 2018) found that York Road Nursery remains **outstanding**. Regarding EYPP the report said:

"The school think carefully about what would benefit each (EYPP) child most and how they can monitor the impact of the spending. **The early years pupil premium funding is spent very well**".

Ruth Cotterill (EYPP lead).

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