



Dear Parents & Guardians,

### **The Early Years Pupil Premium**

From April 2015, nurseries, schools, childminders and other childcare providers will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. We wanted to write to you to explain what the Early Years Pupil Premium is, explain who is eligible for this funding and, importantly, to ask you to fill out the enclosed form(s) so that we, as a provider, can claim the extra funding.

National data and research shows that children of families who meet the Early Years Pupil Premium criteria may need additional help to get the most from their Early Years Education. As with the Pupil Premium available for Hampshire schools for children in Reception up to Year 11, the Early Years Pupil Premium will provide Hampshire early years education approved nurseries, pre-schools and childminders with extra funding to support children in achieving the best early years outcomes and start they can.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who were formally in local authority care but who left care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order. This means an extra £302 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early years education. This additional money could make a significant difference to us.

We can use the extra funding in any way to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include, for example, additional training for our staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our colleagues in the area to further our expertise or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language.

It is well documented that high quality early years education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school and so we want to make the most of this additional funding. If you have older children, you may be aware that a Pupil Premium has been available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost to the children receiving the funding. We want to do the same for our early years children entitled to this funding.

Therefore, if your family meet the criteria that are detailed on the form, we ask that you fill it in around the time your child turns 3 or 4 this may be the same time you enrol your child for their 3 or 4 year old free early years education funding. Below is a useful table which outlines the earliest dates that applications should be made for EYPP eligibility checking. The easiest way to remember will be to apply for eligibility checking in the month your child becomes 3 or 4 years of age.

<b>Child's birthday</b>	<b>Earliest date you can check eligibility for EYPP</b>	<b>When you can claim EYE funding and EYPP.</b>
1 January to 31 March	On or after 1 January	On or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	On or after 1 April	On or after 1 September
1 September to 31 December	On or after 1 September	On or after 1 January

Please return the form to us, this will allow us to claim the additional Early Years Pupil Premium funding.

The information that you provide to us will be covered by our data protection policy and the Hampshire County Council [privacy notice](#).

If you have any questions, please speak to myself or your child's key person.

Yours sincerely

Debbie White  
Manager