

# Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

## What is EYPP?

This is additional funding for providers to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds. It enables providers to improve the quality of their provision and thus bridge the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers.

## Which children are entitled to EYPP?

Parents / carers (of 3- and 4-year-olds) in receipt of any of the benefits stipulated on the Government's [extra early years funding](#) pages should be eligible for their child(ren) to receive EYPP. In addition to this, children that have been adopted from care, left care through special guardianship and are subject to a child arrangement order will also be entitled to EYPP. EYPP is not available for 2-year funded children.

## How do I claim EYPP?

EYPP is only paid on universal hours. When a parent / carer completes their Parental Statement of Undertaking (PSOU), they must state which setting is to receive the universal hours (this only applies if a child is attending more than one setting). Parents / carers must also tick to confirm that they are happy for you to check to see if they are eligible for EYPP via the Provider Portal. For any child claiming at 2 settings or more, you will be required to upload a copy of the child's PSOU via the 'Documents' tab in the Provider Portal when completing a task, as this should show which setting is to receive the EYPP funding. If a child attends 2 or more setting and no PSOU has been received, EYPP will be given to the setting/s that are claiming the universal hours.

### Economic check:

When you add a child on the Headcount / Adjustment Task on the Provider Portal, go to the 'Parent / Carer Details' tab. If you have permission from the parent / carer to enter their details for checking EYPP eligibility, you need to ensure that the parent / carer details are added and the 'EYPP' box is ticked. If this box is not ticked, the child will not be checked for EYPP. If a new child is eligible for EYPP following the headcount task submission, a provider will receive a payment based on the total number of universal hours claimed for. However, if a child becomes eligible for EYPP following the Adjustment task, EYPP will only be paid if the child has an increase in universal hours since the previous headcount was submitted, as the system will not allow the local authority to pay EYPP on hours that have already been paid at headcount. If a child becomes eligible for EYPP during the late adjustment period, EYPP will only be paid if the child has an increase in universal hours since the previous headcount and adjustment was submitted.

### Non-Economic check:

Local authorities follow a different process for checking the eligibility of children who:

- are currently under Local Authority care
- have been adopted from Local Authority care
- have left care through a special guardianship order
- have left care through a child arrangements order

This is because these children will be eligible for EYPP via a non-economic route, so we cannot check the child's eligibility through the DfE's eligibility checking system.

If the child is / was under the care of LCC, please contact [feee@leics.gov.uk](mailto:feee@leics.gov.uk) to check that we have a record of the child so that we can make the EYPP payment.

If the child has been under the care of another Local Authority, the parents, adoptive parents or guardians of these children should show authorities evidence of the court order that proves that the child was in local authority care in either England or Wales. Parents of children who are eligible under the adoption, special guardianship and child arrangement orders criteria, should be able to produce written evidence of their eligibility by contacting their Social Worker. Providers must attach the evidence to the Provider Portal under the 'Documents' tab in the child's record, inputting EYPP as the description. If this is submitted before the headcount task closes, the EYPP will be paid with your FEEE final payment for the total number of universal hours requested. If the evidence is submitted with the adjustment task, providers will only receive payment if the child has increased their hours from the original submitted headcount task as the system will not allow the local authority to pay EYPP on hours that have already been paid at headcount. If the local authority receives evidence of EYPP eligibility after the headcount / adjustment tasks have been processed and paid, the child will receive an EYPP payment if there has been an increase in universal hours on the late adjustment task, or it will be from the start of the following period.

Page 5 of the [Guidance on Completing the 3-and 4-year-old Funding Headcount Task](#) will explain in more detail how you input the information onto the Headcount or Adjustment Task.

### **How much is the EYPP payment?**

Eligible EYPP children receive an additional £0.66 per FEEE funded hour from September 2023. EYPP is paid on Universal hours only. If a child uses all of their universal free entitlement hours at your provision (570 hours), this will equate to a payment of £376.20 per annum towards supporting the child's early years development in your setting.

### **What should EYPP be spent on?**

EYPP should be used to improve the outcomes for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Suggestions of how it could be utilised include:

- Purchasing resources for supporting learning and development
- Staff cover so that they can spend time with the child and/or the child's parents / carers
- Employ graduate level staff / early years teachers
- Pool funding with other Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) settings
- Specific external intervention/support/advice – e.g. nutritionist, play therapist, speech and language therapist etc.
- Renting additional rooms for intervention to take place in
- To offer and further develop life experiences – e.g. trips, visitors, ballet / swimming lessons
- Providing further support to the family – e.g. by providing clothing, resources which can be loaned and used in the home learning environment

- Staff continuing professional development

## **Who holds early years providers accountable for how they spend EYPP?**

As part of their routine inspection process, Ofsted will evaluate how well leaders use EYPP and measure its impact on outcomes for children. Early years providers need to be able to justify how they are spending EYPP to the Ofsted inspector. The Local Authority who pay the funding do not monitor how it is spent. If you would like support in deciding how best to spend EYPP, please contact your Early Years Improvement Advisor. There is also an array of [EYPP information](#) and resources on the Early Years webpages.

## **When is EYPP paid?**

You will need to refer to the [FEEE Calendar](#) for the set payment dates.

Existing children who are eligible for EYPP that are rolled forward to the next funding period, will receive their EYPP payment with the initial payment.

## **Can I check which children will be paid EYPP?**

Once the headcount task closes and the FEEE Team have transferred the children's data to the system we use, we will check the children for EYPP against the DWP (Department for Working Pensions) database. You will then be able to view your submitted headcount task via the Provider Portal on the 'Summary' tab and this will show which children are eligible for EYPP.

Please note the system will only check for EYPP if the parent / carer tab on the headcount task is completed.

## **How will I know what funding I will be receiving?**

Once your Actual Headcount has been processed, you will be able to view the number of children eligible for EYPP in the Provider Portal, located in the 'Summary' tab. If you click on 'Child Weightings Total' under 'Universal Funding' it will let you know the total number of children in receipt of EYPP and how much you will be paid. If you go to the 'Actuals' tab, you will see children who are eligible for EYPP. If you click on those children's records and then on the arrow next to 'Child Weightings', each child will have a separate summary and will list the amount of EYPP funding to be paid.

If a child becomes eligible for EYPP after the actual headcount and following the submission of your adjustment task, once the FEEE Team has processed all payments and rolled forward the child data into the forthcoming period, you will be able to see which children are eligible for EYPP by opening the new headcount and viewing the children in the 'Actuals' tab.

The payment details will be available to view as and when the FEEE Team process the headcount / adjustment tasks and before you are due to be paid.

## **Can EYPP be backdated to previous periods?**

No, the funding cannot be backdated to previous periods. EYPP is only paid with the submissions of the headcount or adjustment tasks for the current period we are in.

EYPP will be paid with late adjustments providing there has been an increase to a child's hours.

### **Once a child receives EYPP, will it ever stop?**

No, funding does not stop once a child is confirmed as eligible. Providers should also note that the childcare funding and EYPP funding will always follow the child. Funding cannot be kept by a provider to subsidise a notice period if the child is not in attendance. Notice periods are a private business matter and not something the local authority can comment on. Providers may not keep funding for a child that has moved to another provision.

### **If a child lives out of County, which local authority pays for EYPP?**

As with FEEE funding, if a child lives out of County, the local authority in which the setting is located will fund EYPP. For example, if a child lives in Leicester City and attends a setting in the County of Leicestershire, Leicestershire County Council will pay the EYPP.



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