

Kingswood Early Years Centre - Early Years Pupil Premium - Use of Funding

From April 2015, all Early Years providers are able to claim extra funding through the **Early Years Pupil Premium** (EYPP) to support children's learning and development.

3- and 4-year-olds in state-funded early education will attract EYPP funding if they meet **at least 1** of the following criteria:

- **Income Support**
- **income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
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- **support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided they're not also 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**
- **they have been in local-authority care for 1 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**

The Early Years Pupil Premium can provide up to an extra £302 a year per pupil and settings can use the additional funding in any way they choose to improve the quality of the early years experience that is provided. At Kingswood we value every child and believe that children make progress through high levels of wellbeing, involvement and exploratory play. EYPP will be used for targeted intervention to enhance teaching and learning within the setting and to close the attainment gap. This could include training our staff in working on specialist areas such as speech and language or purchasing specialist resources to meet the needs of the child. We use assessment to identify where a child may need additional support and consider resources/training accordingly.

We have also used the **Education Endowment Foundation Early Years toolkit** to help us identify effective resources and strategies for helping children through effective use of EYPP.

Kingswood Early Years Centre was also part of an exciting National project with 'Early Education', as one of 15 local pilot networks across the country; 'Learning Together about Learning Project'. The project looked at creative and measurable ways of spending the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), to find out how to support other early years settings make the best possible use of the EYPP and demonstrate the impact it can have. For more information please see **Early Education**

We are very keen to access this funding to ensure that we are providing the best start for all of our children. All families will be asked to fill in the relevant section of the funding declaration form given out when their child joins our setting which will allow us to claim the funding for all eligible children. Eligibility is checked simply using a parent/carer's National Insurance number.

A leaflet from Herts County Council can be viewed by following this link
<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/docs/pdf/c/csseyppleaflet.pdf>

