

## **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) – Provider Guidance**

*For North Yorkshire childcare providers registered to deliver government-funded places.*

### **What is EYPP?**

EYPP is extra funding paid to early years providers to support and improve the learning and development of socio-economic disadvantaged children who are eligible for free early years entitlements in an early years setting.

Providers must show how EYPP has been used to improve outcomes, and Ofsted will look for evidence of impact.

Children are eligible from the term *after* they meet the age criteria **and** meet the EYPP eligibility rules.

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### **Who is eligible?**

A child can receive EYPP if they access at least one funded hour and meet one of the following:

#### **1. Economic criteria (parent receives certain benefits):**

- Income Support
- Income-based JSA
- Income-related ESA
- Support under Immigration & Asylum Act 1999 (Part 6)
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (income below £16,190 and *not* receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit (net income under £7,400 a year)

#### **2. Children in care or previously in care:**

Eligible if they are:

- Looked after by a local authority
- Adopted
- Under a special guardianship order
- Under a child arrangements order

These children must be identified by the Virtual School Head or social worker in the relevant local authority. For these children, local authorities are required to pay EYPP for the full 15 hours per term, regardless of the number of funded hours the child receives.

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## Age and hours EYPP apply to

Age	EYPP applies up to 570 hours per year to...
9 months to 2 years	Up to 15 hours of the working parent entitlement
2-year-olds	Up to 15 hours (FRAS) or up to 15 working parent hours
3 & 4-year-olds	Up to 15 Universal hours only

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## Who pays EYPP?

- **North Yorkshire pays EYPP for all children attending a North Yorkshire setting and who have been found to be eligible**, regardless of where the child lives.
- **If a child is looked after by another local authority**, that authority must confirm eligibility, but *North Yorkshire still pays*.

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## How much is EYPP?

From April 2026:

**£1.15 per funded hour** (up to 15 hours per week / 570 hours per year).

Children do **not** have to take the full 15 hours—funding is paid only for the hours they attend.

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## How should EYPP be used?

The EEF Guide [Early Years Pupil Premium | EEF](#) offers providers step-by-step guidance on how to spend EYPP effectively. It also recommends a range of spending choices, in line with evidence, on approaches to improving outcomes for disadvantaged children.

The guide recommends that settings take a balanced approach, using EYPP to:

develop quality practice

tailor personalised support

lead, plan and sustain a strategy

Funding should be used within the academic year.

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## Checking eligibility

Providers are responsible for submitting the information to enable a check to be made and they must:

- Have a valid signed parental agreement including consent from parents to enable a check to be made.

- Enter parent details (name, DOB, NI/NASS number) on the Synergy Provider Portal.
- Check the *EYPP* field under **Child Weightings** after headcount data is cleansed.
- If a child expected to qualify does not have EYPP under the child weightings the provider must contact the Early Years Funding Team: [eyft@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk) within the deadline for checking.

Looked-after, or previously-looked-after children cannot be verified automatically. Providers are responsible for checking the information on the parental agreement, or if in the care from another local authority via the Virtual School Head/social worker the provider will need to provide evidence to [eyft@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk) to support the EYPP claim.

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### **Children attending more than one provider**

Parents must name **one** provider to receive EYPP for the child.

Allocation rules:

- EYPP is paid **only** on:
  - 9 months to 2 year old (Under 2s): the *first* 15 hours of the working parent entitlement
  - 2-year-olds FRAS or working parent hours where applicable. EYPP will always be allocated to 2yo FRAS hours first.
  - 3 & 4-year-olds: *universal* hours only

If hours are over-claimed, the Early Years Funding Team may adjust funding and ask for parental agreements.

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### **When is EYPP paid?**

EYPP is paid with each term's balancing payment:

- **Autumn Term:** December
- **Spring Term:** March
- **Summer Term:** July

A child must be **registered and attending during headcount week**.

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### **Moving provider**

EYPP is paid to the provider where the child was attending in **headcount week**.

If a child moves mid-term, the new provider will receive EYPP from the next headcount claim.

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### **Still unsure?**

Email your question to the Early Years Funding Team: [eyft@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk)