

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM

The information in this document is only for early years childcare providers who are registered to offer government funded places in North Yorkshire

What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is dedicated funding allocated by the local authority to early years settings who offer funded early years entitlements to the most disadvantaged children. It is intended to improve the quality of provision and therefore improve the educational outcomes of disadvantaged children who are eligible for the entitlements.

Ofsted requires evidence of impact of this funding, showing that the gap in children's outcomes has narrowed. A child will be entitled from the term after the child has attained the relevant age and the child or parent meets the eligibility criteria.

The parental agreement has a section on EYPP therefore parents should complete the necessary section giving permission to use their details to enable checks to be carried out, or if

Which children are eligible?

Children are eligible for EYPP if they receive at least one hour of free early years entitlements provision and their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

[Income Support](#); income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance](#); Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance](#); Support under [part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#); The guaranteed element of [Pension Credit](#); [Child Tax Credit](#) if the parent or carer is not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](#) and has an annual gross income of less than £16,190; [Working Tax Credit](#) run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after a claimant stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit; [Universal Credit](#), if the parent or carer's annual net household income is less than £7,400, not including any benefits.

Or,

If the child is in the care of a local authority, was formerly looked after by a local authority in England or Wales through adoption, a special guardianship order or a child arrangements order.

Age	EYPP entitlement
Term after child reaches 9-month-olds to 2-year-olds	Payable on 15 hours of the working parent entitlement
2-year-olds	Payable on either the 15 hours entitlement for families in receipt of additional support(disadvantaged), or 15 hours of the working parent entitlement.
3- and 4-year-olds	Payable on the universal 15 hours' entitlement only

Children that are currently in local authority care with North Yorkshire should already have been identified, however all providers are responsible for checking a child has the Early Years Pupil

Premium (EYPP) indicator under the Child Weightings column in the Synergy Web Provider Portal headcount.

How much is the Early Years Pupil Premium worth per child per hour?

From April 2025 providers will receive an additional £1 per hour. (Maximum 15 hours per week)

Do children have to access the full 15 funded hours to be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium?

Children do not have to access all the 15 hours to be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium. Providers will receive Early Years Pupil Premium funding for the number of weekly funded hours that a child is attending, up to a maximum of 15 hours, based on the termly claim on the headcount.

How should I use the EYPP?

Early years settings should ensure EYPP funding is used to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged children by spending on activities, staff training and resources that specifically impact educational outcomes for disadvantaged children. They should plan EYPP spending based on consideration of well-evidenced approaches such as professional development for staff, which may benefit all children while providing the greatest benefit to disadvantaged children.

Recommended spending approaches recommended by the DfE are set out in the [Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\) Guide to the Early Years Pupil Premium](#). This offers practical, evidence-informed advice for setting leaders on maximising the use of EYPP in their context.

Early years settings should spend EYPP funding in full within the academic year for which it has been allocated.

Accountability

During an inspection, Ofsted will evaluate the quality of provision and consider:

- how effective the setting is at identifying children eligible for funding for disadvantage.
- the decisions that leaders take about supporting those children's needs.
- how well children are supported.
- the impact on disadvantaged children

Which providers will be eligible?

All registered early years PVI providers, Maintained and Academy nurseries that take eligible children for the funded early years funding will be able to claim the Early Years Pupil Premium for eligible children.

When do children become eligible?

When children reach the date of birth eligibility criteria.

Children attending a primary school reception class **cannot** claim the early years pupil premium.

What happens if a child stays on in early years provision rather than joining a school reception class, are they still eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium?

If a child is still eligible to receive early years funded hours (i.e., the 15 hours) and they meet the other criteria, they would still be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium.

Once the child enters reception, they will no longer be eligible for the EYPP, but may become eligible for the [pupil premium](#).

Eligibility for EYPP does not lead automatically to eligibility for pupil premium when the child starts school.

Which local authority will be responsible for checking a child’s eligibility if they take up their entitlement outside of the local authority in which they live?

If a child who lives outside of North Yorkshire but is accessing their government funded hours at a childcare provider in North Yorkshire, then the childcare provider in North Yorkshire will be responsible for submitting the parent and child details on the Synergy Web Provider Portal to enable a check to be done. For children who are looked after, the local authority who has responsibility for the child will need to identify eligible children through the Virtual School Head or the child’s social worker. Childcare providers are responsible for asking the parent/carer for this information and sending it to the Early Years Funding Team.

When and how often will the local authority check children’s eligibility?

The Early Years Funding Team will check eligibility on ‘economic grounds’ once each termly headcount data has been cleansed and if the childcare provider has submitted the required information. However, this check will not identify if a child has ‘looked after’ status. Childcare providers are expected to be aware of children who may qualify on this basis.

Once headcount is processed providers are asked to check the termly headcount. If a child whom you would expect to be eligible for EYPP does not have the EYPP in the weightings column, you need to contact the Funding Team by the deadline given for each term. Please email eyft@northyorks.gov.uk and confirm the child’s name and date of birth, along with details of why you believe they should qualify. We can then advise further.

What data will providers need to supply to enable a check for Early Years Pupil Premium eligibility?

Parents must have completed a parental agreement and provided their name, date of birth and National Insurance or NASS number to enable the provider to submit the details on the provider portal. Providers must also have ticked the permission box for a check for EYPP to be done as shown on screen shot below. The parent/carer should be informed that any personal details they provide will be used for the purposes of checking eligibility for the Early Years Pupil Premium.

The screenshot shows a form titled "Parent / Carer Details". It contains the following fields and options:

- Forename* (text input)
- Surname* (text input)
- DOB* (text input)
- Email (text input)
- Contact Number (text input)
- NI* or NASS Number* (checkboxes)
- Tick to give consent to Eligibility Checking for:
 - EYPP (checkbox, highlighted in yellow)
 - Working Family Eligibility (checkbox)

If one or more pieces of information are missing, the automatic check cannot be completed. This may mean a provider is missing out on receiving additional early years funding for a child.

The other criteria that may apply for EYPP, is if a child is ‘looked after’ or left care. We are unable to check whether a child qualifies on this basis. Therefore, providers must rely on parents completing the parental agreement and including this information. If a child’s adoption or placement was carried out via North Yorkshire, then our child record’s may have EYPP added.

However, if the child was placed via a different local authority, we may need additional evidence from the parent/carer to be provided by you before we can add EYPP to your headcount claim.

Will all funded children automatically qualify for the Early Years Pupil Premium?

No, Early Years Pupil Premium is focused on the most disadvantaged children. The eligibility criteria are very tight, targeted at children from economically disadvantaged households, and those who are in care, or have been in care.

How will parents be notified of the outcome of checks?

Childcare providers are responsible for notifying parents that their child is in receipt of EYPP and discuss how this can be used. Providers can see if a child is eligible once the headcount data has been cleansed. Children who are eligible will have EYPP under the Child Weightings column on the headcount.

How will Early Years Pupil Premium be paid?

The Early Years Pupil Premium will be paid with the balancing payment each term, providing a child has been identified as eligible and is on a childcare provider's headcount,

Autumn term paid in December based on actual headcount, Spring term paid in March based on actual headcount, Summer term paid in July based on actual headcount.

What if a child moves to a different provider partway through the year? Will the previous provider lose the funding?

Payment of Early Years Pupil Premium is made based on where the child was registered and attending on headcount week each term.

For example, if a child received Early Years Pupil Premium at a provider in Autumn term and moved to a new childcare provider in Spring term, the new childcare provider would receive the EYPP for the Spring term if a claim was made. The new provider is responsible for checking the details on the portal.

If you are in any doubt about the eligibility of a child for Early Years Pupil Premium, please contact eyft@northyoks.gov.uk

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