



## Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) Policy

### Aim

Barford St. Peter's Preschool believe that every child should have the best start in life, including our most vulnerable children. Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional government funding for children aged three and four years old who are in receipt of the free government funding. The purpose of the funding is to further enhance early education for children and reduce potential barriers to learning, particularly for those children who may be vulnerable or disadvantaged. All parents of children aged three- and four-years olds can apply for the funding,

however, must meet the eligibility criteria as set out below:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Income-related employment and support allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit – if the child is born on or after 1 January 2015 and the parent is entitled to Universal Credit, they must have an annual net earned income equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods.

OR the child has:

- Been looked after by the local authority for at least one day
- Been adopted from care
- Left care through special guardianship
- A child arrangement order
- A special guardianship order or a child arrangement order.

Procedure for making parents and carers aware of EYPP funding

Early Years Pupil Premium is not always accessed by those that are eligible to the funding and this mean that children are missing out on valuable funding so therefore, it is important that every parent knows about EYPP and have the option to



apply. It is important that we don't make assumptions about parent's income or discriminate towards parents. Therefore, the Nursery Manager will advertise EYPP by our EYPP letter to every parent who have a child aged three or four years old. Once the funding has been allocated the Preschool will receive confirmation from the Local Authority. Using Early Years Pupil Premium funding when deciding how the funding will be spent, it is important to consider what the missing experiences are for the child at that point in time. For example, it could be that the family is accessing a food bank and the options for healthy eating are limited. In this case the Preschool could use the funding to buy more cooking utensils to cook healthy recipes to take home and share with the family.

Further examples of how the funding can be used:

- To purchase home-learning resources
- To offer Parent Workshops
- To pay for Outings
- Speech and Language resources
- Paying for extra sessions to support the child's development or to support a parent who may be struggling
- Singing Hands session (Makaton)
- Free School Meals
- Staff training, such as, Makaton training.

This list is not exhaustive, and it is important to focus on the individual child when deciding how to use the funding. Once the use of funding has been decided, it is important that there is evidence of what has been put in place for the child and how this has benefitted them. Recording observations of the children, gaining parent feedback, photographs and gathering the child's voice are useful pieces of evidence.

It is important throughout the process that parents are fully involved and informed of how the funding has been used and how this has benefitted their child.

Information about Early Years Pupil Premium can be found on Local Authority Website:  
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/help-childcare-costs/4>

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