

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 (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?

Only one setting per child can receive an EYPP payment. When a parent completes their Parental Statement of Undertaking (PSOU), they will tick to confirm if they want to allocate it to your setting. Parents must also tick to confirm that they are happy for you to check to see if they are eligible via the Provider Portal. A copy of this PSOU will need to be sent to the FEEE Team via Anycomms+ as evidence so we can allocate the EYPP to your setting. If a child attends 2 or more settings and no PSOU has been received, EYPP will be split between all settings.

Economic check:

When you 'add child' on the Headcount/Amendment Task on the Provider Portal, a prompt will appear to 'provide parent/carer information'. You will be presented with the options of 'yes' or 'decline to provide'. Please select 'yes' and complete the relevant fields around the parent's personal information then click 'save'.

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 [feeee@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 upload the evidence to [Anycomms+](#) inputting EYPP as the description. If this is submitted before the headcount/amendment closes, the EYPP will be paid with your FEEE final/ or amendment payment. If the amendment payment has already been paid, the child will receive EYPP in the following period's final payment after the headcount has been submitted.

Pages 9 – 11 of the [Provider Portal User Guide](#) will explain in more detail how you input the information onto the Headcount or Amendment Task.

How much is the EYPP payment?

Eligible EYPP children receive an additional £0.60 per FEEE funded hour. 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 £342.00 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?

Ofsted as part of their routine inspection process 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 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?

See the [EYPP Payment Schedule](#) which explains when you will be paid.

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. We will then produce a report, which you will be able to locate by logging on to the Provider Portal (you will receive notification of this once it is ready to view). A report will be located in the 'my messages' section on your homepage. Please refer to page 11 of the [Provider Portal User Guide](#) if you require more help in locating it.

If you receive a blank report, then the system is telling you that no children in your setting are currently eligible for EYPP. Please note the system will only check for EYPP if the parent/carer tab on the task is completed.

How will I know what funding I will be receiving?

You can find all your payment breakdowns on the Provider Portal which gives you the breakdown for most payments, including EYPP and this will state the amount you are due to receive. The payment breakdowns are released to providers at some point during the week you are due to be paid. To access these, log into the Provider Portal and click on 'Headcount'. You should see a section headed 'My Messages'. If not, click on 'Headcount' in the top tab on the home page and click on 'Reports'. If you have any un-viewed reports, you will see a highlighted number of them waiting to be viewed. If they have been read, click on 'View all messages' and you should see them listed there.

Can EYPP be backdated?

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

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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For more FEEE information for Providers, please visit our [FEEE Guidance and Policies page](#).