

THE EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM

From April 2015 nurseries, schools, childminders, and other childcare providers have been able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care.

Here is the information what the Early Years Pupil Premium is and who is eligible for this funding.

National data and research tells that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well, for example in 2014 45% (38% in Oxfordshire) of these children achieved the expected level at the end of the early years foundation stage compared with 64% (63% in Oxfordshire) of other children. The Early Years Pupil Premium will provide us with extra funding to close this gap.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour for three and four-year-old children, whose parent are in receipt of certain benefits or who have been in care or adopted from care. This means an extra £302 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early education. This additional money could make a significant difference to the children that attend Berinsfield Early Years Pre-School.

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for each child.

It is well documented that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary, so we do want to make the most of this additional funding. You may be aware of you have older children that a pupil premium has been available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost to the children receiving the funding. We want to do the same for our early years children entitled to this funding.

Who is eligible for the funding?

If your joint family income is £16,190 or less per year and if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based jobseekers allowance
- Universal credit
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child tax credit (with no working tax credit) with annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working tax credit run-on

Please speak to the manager so we can provide the best education and support by making sure we receive all the government funding to which we and your child re entitled.

Whether you use this scheme or not, it will not affect any of the benefits you may be entitled to.