

REPORT TO: School Forum
DATE: 12th October 2014
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SUBJECT: Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform School Forum of the new Early Years Pupil Premium Funding (EYPP).

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- (i) School Forum note the funding available for Early Years Pupil Premium Funding and the eligibility criteria.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background to the EYPP

Eligible statutory school age children have received Pupil Premium for many years. From April 2015, the Government introduced a new Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) for 3 and 4 year olds.

Local Authorities receive the EYPP funding as part of the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) allocations.

3.2 What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

The EYPP, totaling £50 million nationally, is designed to narrow the attainment gap between young children from low-income families and their peers, setting them on a path to a more successful future.

Day Nurseries, pre-schools, childminders, primary academies and nursery schools/nursery classes will receive an extra £300 per annum, for each eligible 3 and 4 year old claiming the Free Early Years Entitlement (FEYE), to help prevent them falling behind before they start school.

3.3 What is the Hourly Rate?

The EYPP is set at a national hourly rate of 53p, for 15 hours per week over no less than 38 weeks per year.

Local Authorities pass the full rate for each eligible child directly to the provider (not the parent).

3.4 Advertising the new EYPP

All PVI and maintained childcare providers received an information pack in the spring term, which contained background information, leaflets and posters advertising the new funding.

Providers were also issued with a letter to distribute to parents of the children attending their setting, asking them to volunteer their National Insurance Numbers, Dates of Birth and surnames and asking for their permission to use their details for the purpose of checking whether their child was eligible for EYPP.

3.5 Who is eligible for the EYPP?

Any 3 and 4 year olds receiving Free Early Years Education (FEYE) if their parents meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

- Free School Meals criteria
- [Income Support](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's 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](#) (provided they're not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](#) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- [Working Tax Credit](#) run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- [Universal Credit](#)

or

- they have been looked after for 1 day or more (LAC)
- they have been adopted from care
- they have left care under a special guardianship order or residence order

Children must be eligible for Free Early Years Education in order to attract EYPP funding. Children become eligible at different points in the year depending on when they turn 3 or 4.

The EYPP in respect of looked after children is managed directly by the Virtual School Head (VSH).

3.6 What is the funding to be used for?

The EYPP was introduced to raise the quality of the child's education.

To ensure the funding is being utilised effectively, during an Ofsted inspection, the inspector will be looking at how settings are using the EYPP funding to help disadvantaged pupils and narrow the gap between the performance of different groups of pupils.

When evaluating the achievement of pupils, inspectors will consider how well:

- Pupils make progress relative to their starting points
- Pupils are prepared for the next stage of their education
- Gaps are narrowing between the performance of different groups of pupils
- Pupils who are eligible for the EYPP have achieved since joining the setting

3.7 How much funding have the LA received?

HBC have been allocated £191,409 for 634 children for this financial year. For the Summer Term we have paid the PVI and maintained childcare settings a total of £35,191.

The DfE will be conducting a mandatory mid-year survey in the Autumn term to check take-up of the EYPP and will make adjustments in light of that.

The EYPP will also be recorded on the Early Years Census, which takes place each January.

3.8 How many children were eligible during the Summer Term?

From both the PVI and maintained childcare settings, 1098 parents volunteered their personal details (National Insurance Number, date of birth and their surname). The majority of these were emailed to the Child Place Planning Team via the HBC secure email system. A minority of settings who were unable to email via the secure email system sent details through the post, marked Private and Confidential.

All 1098 parents details were input into the DfE Eligibility Checking system and 368 parents were eligible.

3.9 How often do we have to check eligibility?

The DfE have suggested we check eligibility at the beginning of the term when a 3 year old becomes eligible for the Free Early Years Entitlement and then again the term after they turn four.

The process will need to be carried out each term for any new 3 or 4 year olds starting at a setting.

The EYPP funding follows the child (the same as the FEYE) if the child moves to a new setting during a term.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Children and Young People in Halton

5.0 FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 HBC have been allocated £191,409 for 634 children for this financial year.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 There are currently no perceived risks.

7.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.