

## **Early Years Pupil Premium – A Parent’s Guide**

From April 2015, nurseries, schools, childminders and other childcare providers will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

The Sutton Trust claims that at the start of school there is a 19 month gap between the most and least advantaged children. Many disadvantaged children are already behind when they start school and these gaps that are apparent in the early years, between disadvantaged children and their peers, persist and widen throughout school and beyond.

Closing this gap and eradicating this inequality is fundamental to ensuring all children get the best start in life. The Government is therefore prioritising high quality early education because it can make a dramatic difference to children's life chances.

Building on the successful model of the school age Pupil Premium, this additional investment to early year's providers to help raise the quality of provision, aims to close the gap between 3 & 4 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour for three and four year old children whose parents 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 annual funded entitlement to early education.

Your child's Key Person and our Deputy Manager (Early Years Pupil Premium Co-ordinator) will work together with you to create a plan, and discuss ideas in which we can support your child's development.

We will use the EYPP money in ways, we think will support your child's learning and development. This could include for example additional training for our staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our colleagues in the area to further our expertise, supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language or buy purchasing additional resources to support the children in areas we feel need developing. We may combine the EYPP payments for several children, or work with other providers, in order to fund specific activity or training

Therefore, please may we ask all parents to fill in an Early Years Pupil Premium form, (copies are located in the office), and this will allow us to claim the additional Early Years Pupil Premium funding.