

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Early Years Pupil Premium

What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

Children who are currently claiming the Free Universal Entitlement for three and four year olds could be eligible for additional funding called the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

The Early Years Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to early years providers to improve outcomes for eligible children.

How to apply and check if you're eligible?

You can apply for the EYPP through the Cheshire West and Chester Council website.

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/EYPupilPremium

OR you can give your childcare provider permission to check your eligibility if you are on a low income and in receipt of one of the benefits below.

For eligibility, your child/children will be eligible if:

They are 3 or 4 years old and receiving a free entitlement place in an early year's provider, and you are in receipt of one or more of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income below £7,400)

If you are part of a couple we may have to ask you to provide your last 3 most recent Universal Credit online statements or your entitlement letters from Universal Credit, so we can check your monthly take home pay is below the threshold.



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OR

Have a total annual household (you and your partner) income below £16,190 and receive

- 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

Please note families on Working Tax Credits are NOT eligible.

Or if your child:

- Is looked after by Cheshire West and Chester Council (is in foster care etc)
- Has been adopted from care or has left care through special guardianship
- Are subject to a child arrangement/residence order setting out with whom the child is to live

How EYPP is received?

The EYPP is paid directly to your childcare provider as part of their funding claim; the amount is 53p per hour. It is directly linked to the number of free hours your child is taking up with the childcare provider. So if you are claiming 10 hours per week, the premium will be 10 x 53p (£5.30) per week.

Providers use this money to continuously support your child's learning and development, based on your child's needs and preferences.

To ensure parents are involved, as part of your child's on going communication, your key person will talk to you about your child's time in settling.