

**Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Fund**

**Information for parents accessing Early Education Funding**

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding for early years settings to improve the education they provide for all children eligible for early education funding.

Providers will ask you to complete the parental declaration form to check for eligibility.

**Registering could result in extra funding for your child’s early years provider**

Registering could provide £387.60 for your child’s nursery, pre-school or childminder to fund valuable support that could include; extra training or resources to help raise the quality of your child’s early education.

**Who can apply for EYPP?**

You can apply for early years pupil premium if your child is eligible for early education funding and you are taking up a funded childcare place.

You must also get at least one of the following:

* [Income Support](https://www.gov.uk/income-support)
* Income-based [Jobseeker’s Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance)
* Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance)
* Support under [part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1999/33/part/VI)
* The guaranteed element of [State Pension Credit](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit)
* [Child Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit) (provided you are not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit)) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
* [Working Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit) run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
* Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax not including any benefits you get

You may also get early years pupil premium if your child is currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales or if your child has left care in England or Wales through:

* Adoption
* Special guardianship order
* A child arrangements order

**Disability Access Fund**

The Disability Access Fund (DAF) supports children with disabilities or special educational needs (SEND).

The DAF aids access to early years places by, for example, supporting providers in making reasonable adjustments to their settings and/or helping with building capacity (be that for the child in question or for the benefit of children as a whole attending the setting).

*​***Eligibility for Disability Access Fund (DAF)**

All children will be eligible for the DAF if they meet the following criteria:

* The child is in receipt of child disability living allowance (DLA) and;
* The child is eligible for early education funding and are taking up a funded childcare place.

**Entitlement**

* The settings of eligible children will be entitled to receive a one-off payment of £910 per year. The DAF is not based on an hourly rate and is an additional entitlement.
* Children do not have to take up the full 570 hours of early education they are entitled to in order to receive the DAF. Children in receipt of the DAF will be eligible where they take-up any period of free entitlement.
* If a child receiving DAF moves from one provider to another within a financial year, the new provider is not eligible to receive DAF funding for this child within the same financial year.
* DAF funding received by the original setting will not be recouped by the council.

**Thank you for completing the parental declaration form and helping to make sure your child’s early years provider is as well funded as possible.**

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