



SURREY

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)**

Early Years and Childcare Service

<b>Q1</b>	<b>Do children have to access the full free early education entitlement (i.e. 570 hours per annum) to be eligible for the EYPP?</b>
<b>A1</b>	No, from April 2015 providers will receive an additional 53p per hour for each eligible child. Children do not have to access their full entitlement in order to be eligible for the EYPP . Providers will receive the EYPP funding that is proportionate to the number of hours that a child is taking up.
<b>Q2</b>	<b>Who is eligible?</b>
<b>A2</b>	<p>The eligible groups for the EYPP will be children from low income families claiming one of the following benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Income Support</li> <li>➤ Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance</li> <li>➤ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance</li> <li>➤ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</li> <li>➤ The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit</li> <li>➤ 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)</li> <li>➤ Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit</li> <li>➤ Universal Credit</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ children that have been looked after by the local authority for at least one day</li> <li>➤ children who have been adopted from care</li> <li>➤ children who have left care through special guardianship</li> <li>➤ and children who are subject to a child arrangement order setting out with whom the child is to live (formerly known as residence orders).</li> </ul>
<b>Q3</b>	<b>Will settings that have been rated as ‘requires improvement’ be eligible to receive funding?</b>
<b>A3</b>	<p>Yes, so long as they provide evidence of their plan to address Ofsted’s recommendations for improvement.</p> <p>Settings with an Ofsted rating of ‘outstanding’ or ‘good’ will be eligible for the EYPP as long as the provider is willing to accept the conditions of funding.</p> <p>Providers rated ‘inadequate’ will not be eligible to claim the EYPP.</p>
<b>Q4</b>	<b>Will providers receive a full year’s funding for the child in a lump sum?</b>
<b>A4</b>	No, the EYPP will be paid as part of the free early education entitlement funding as an additional weighting, therefore will be calculated at an hourly rate of 53p per hour, per child, and paid on a termly basis in arrears.
<b>Q5</b>	<b>How will I know which children are eligible?</b>

<p><b>A5</b></p>	<p>Providers will need to collect key information from parents to enable eligibility checks to be carried out. Parents surname, national insurance number and date of birth will be required. For asylum seeking children, providers will need the parents National Asylum Support Service number (NASS).</p> <p>Children meeting one of the following criteria automatically qualify for EYPP. We will check those who are looked after by the local authority, for the others you will need to obtain evidence and hold a copy of this. We do not need to see this evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ children that have been looked after by the local authority for at least one day</li> <li>➤ <b>children who have been adopted from care</b></li> <li>➤ <b>children who have left care through special guardianship</b></li> <li>➤ <b>children who are subject to a child arrangement order setting out with whom the child is to live (formerly known as residence orders).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Q6</b></p>	<p><b>How may providers spend the EYPP?</b></p>
<p><b>A6</b></p>	<p>Local authorities (LA) will not impose conditions on providers on how the EYPP is spent. However, it must be used to improve the quality of early year’s education for children from low-income families.</p> <p>The Government is encouraging providers to use their EYPP funding to contribute to employing a teacher/graduate leader in their nursery. Other recommendations include purchasing services from teaching school alliances or purchasing specialist training. Some providers may wish to pool their EYPP funding to get more for their money.</p> <p>A good practice guide for providers in Surrey is currently under development. Surrey providers will be able to access this through the EYPP page that has been set up on our website.</p> <p><a href="#">Surrey Early Years Pupil Premium link to web page</a></p>
<p><b>Q7</b></p>	<p><b>Who will providers be accountable to?</b></p>
<p><b>A7</b></p>	<p>The main accountability mechanism for the use of the EYPP will be through the Ofsted inspection process. Ofsted inspectors will consider how well children from low-income families make progress. The inspection report will include a statement on the strategies that the provider has used to raise the attainment of these children, and how the EYPP is used to support these strategies.</p> <p>To make this happen, Ofsted will update their inspection frameworks to set out that effective use and impact of the EYPP. This will be assessed under the leadership and management judgement.</p> <p>As with other funding, local authorities will be responsible for ensuring that funding is passed to providers in respect of early education for individual eligible three and four year olds, and that this money is not claimed fraudulently.</p>
<p><b>Q8</b></p>	<p><b>As a provider, what can I be doing in preparation for the EYPP?</b></p>
<p><b>A8</b></p>	<p>Using your progress and assessment systems, begin to identify the learning and development needs of a cohort of children who from the above, you feel are likely to be</p>

	eligible.
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do PVI settings need to publish documents showing how they intend to spend the EYPP?</b>
<b>A9</b>	Only childcare providers that currently have to publish information relating to Pupil Premium spend will have to include the Early Year Pupil Premium spend (this is most likely to be schools who also have a nursery provision on site).
<b>Q10</b>	<b>Will the eligibility check carried out also check those children who live out of the borough?</b>
<b>A10</b>	Yes, the check is run against the DWP national database containing details for anyone who claims benefits.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Will a child with SEN be eligible?</b>
<b>A11</b>	A SEN child will not be entitled to EYPP unless the family fall under any other circumstances listed under Q2 above.
<b>Q12</b>	<b>If a child is currently eligible for two year old funding (FEET), will they be eligible for EYPP when they turn three?</b>
<b>A12</b>	Although the eligibility criteria is similar, an eligibility check will still need to be carried out when children turn three, as family circumstances may have changed
<b>Q13</b>	<b>Which parent do we get the information from in order for an eligibility check to be done?</b>
<b>A13</b>	The information will need to be taken from the parent/carer who is in receipt of the benefit in which the family qualify under.
<b>Q14</b>	<b>What if one parent/carer comes back as not eligible can a check be done on the other parent?</b>
<b>A14</b>	If the initial parent/carer whose details were submitted is not eligible, as long as you are within the specified timetable deadlines then you can resubmit the new parent/carer information against that child's claim, this will override the original information submitted and another eligibility check will be run.
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Does the parent need to have the same surname as the child?</b>
<b>A15</b>	No, the child does not need to have the same surname as the parent/carer as the check is done using the parent's National Insurance number and date of birth.
<b>Q16</b>	<b>If a nursery in Surrey is part of a chain and has nurseries in other Counties, can it pool its funding together?</b>
<b>A16</b>	Yes as long as the childcare provider can still evidence to Ofsted that the outcomes for those children have improved.
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Once I have submitted the registration form how long will it be until I know if the child is entitled to EYPP?</b>

<b>A17</b>	We will be aiming to check children’s eligibility on a daily basis; however this will depend on workloads within the Early Years Pupil Premium team. In the team’s busy periods, it may take a few days for the checks to be done.
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Can the EYPP funding be split across two childcare providers?</b>
<b>A18</b>	Yes, just like the 15 hours funding received, the EYPP can be split over more than one childcare provider. Each childcare provider will be paid for the hours that the child attends with them.
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<b>Q20</b>	<b>Will the Ofsted framework be changed to reflect EYPP?</b>
<b>A20</b>	Ofsted will inspect their inspection framework to set out their effective use and the impact of the EYPP will be assessed under the leadership and management judgement.
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Will the EYPP funding follow the child?</b>
<b>A21</b>	The EYPP guidance issued to LA’s from the DfE makes it clear that funding will follow the child, therefore there are no exceptional circumstances attached to the EYPP element of the free entitlement.