

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **The Early Years Pupil Premium**

Recent studies show that there is a significant gap in attainment between the most and least advantaged children by the time they enter their Reception year. Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding intended for Early Years providers to address this inequality by narrowing the attainment gap. It gives money to providers, so they can make sure eligible children have the best possible outcomes when they start school and beyond.

Providers can claim up to £300 per year (53p per hour for 15 universal hours) for children who meet the eligibility criteria.

The extra funding can be used in any way that the provider chooses to help the child make more rapid progress or to remove barriers to learning or participation. It is most effective when key adults who know the child well, such as parents/carers and the child's special responsibility teacher (key person), work together to identify areas of need and what would support the child's progress best.

It is well documented that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school so we do want to make the most of the additional funding.

### **Who is eligible?**

The child must be 3 or 4 years old and attend a childcare setting/school nursery class in North Somerset. You can check eligibility via the Funding Hub using the parent's National Insurance number, date of birth and surname. We suggest you collect this information on the Parent Declaration Form when a child is registered with you.

Parents/carers who receive any of the following will qualify for The Early Years Pupil Premium:

- Income Support
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, providing you do not also receive 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 – for places starting in the summer term of 2018 (on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018), or any subsequent term, if a parent is entitled to Universal Credit they must have an annual net earned income equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400, assessed on up to 3 of the parents', most recent Universal Credit assessment periods.
- Three and four year old children that have been adopted, or who have left care through special guardianship or residence orders
- Three and four year old children who are fostered in North Somerset.

If you have any question, please email the school as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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