



Early Years Pupil Premium Strategy and Expenditure Statement

Autumn 2023 - Summer 2024

<u>Number of children and EYPP received</u>	
Total number of 3 and 4 year old children on roll	Autumn 2023 census- 25 Spring 2024 census- 35 Summer 2024 census- 39
Total number of children eligible for EYPP	Autumn 2023 - 10 Spring 2024 - 13 Summer 2024 - 16
Amount of EYPP received per child	<p>Autumn 2023 - £130.20 per child x 10 = £1302 (62p per hour x 15 hours x 14 weeks) (14 weeks in Autumn Term)</p> <p>Spring 2024 - £111.60 per child x 13 = £1450.80 (62p per hour x 15 hours x 12 weeks) (12 weeks in Spring term)</p> <p>Summer 2024 - £111.60 Per child x 16 = £1785.60 (62p per hour x 15 hours x 12 weeks) (12 weeks in Summer Term)</p>
Total amount received 2023-2024	£4538.40

Summary of EYPP Spending in the Academic Year 2023-24

16 children across the year

Objectives

(Communication and Language and Enriching experiences focus for this year)

This cohort of children are 'covid babies'. They were born during the initial lockdowns or just before which has had a significant impact on their language development and social and emotional skills.

The additional key worker time has again proved effective in ensuring the children keep at least in line with their peers.

Our use of the small language WellComm groups was very effective in narrowing the gap with their peers so we have continued to use this strategy.

The combination of the EYPP funding and additional support from the Early Years SEN Panel can mean we can give children additional 1 to 1 support, for example modelling how to develop relationships.

We have widened the range of short walks we take children on to broaden their experiences to support language development. We now regularly visit local parks and Friendly Fridays. This year we have also introduced a visit to a Care Home.

As a staff we continued to build on our knowledge of ways to support the language development of our children including learning from advice from Speech Therapists.

We have also taken part in an Early Excellence 'Becoming Mathematicians Course' which has enabled us to offer challenge to the children who need it.

Our knowledgeable staff offer a stimulating and challenging environment to support the children's learning. We have been inspired by the 'in the moment' approach where staff work sensitively and offer support one to one for the children as they play and explore through experiences which they choose. We believe that this approach gives a personalised approach to all of our children. We plan more adult time with our children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium as we know interactions, modelling language, supporting self-regulation and encouraging children to try something new and challenging themselves is best supported with more frequent adult support. We also offer individual support and group times tailored to the needs of our cohort and informed by our ambitious curriculum.

We knew from our initial assessments that some of the children who were eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium this year as they entered our Nursery were not yet secure in the Prime areas of learning and for this group of children particularly in Communication and Language and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Across the year **11 of the total 16** children eligible for the EYPP had benefitted from having a 2 year old place with us.

Increase in social communication differences this year

4 of 16 have social communication differences.

9 of the 16 their language is developing differently.

6 of the 6 need support with their sensory / emotional needs

3 of the 16 we have planned further challenge and enrichment activities such as short walks and visits.

Areas of support identified after initial assessments	Measurement of impact (area of learning, characteristic of effective learning, well-being and involvement scale)
communication, speech and language development	Wellcomm assessments progress
well-being and emotional resilience being able to manage emotions	Well-being and involvement scale, personal, social and emotional development Observations of being willing to 'have a go'

How have we used this money ?	Cost
1 to 1 / small group additional language input	Weekly language groups 9 days (1 extra day per child) Contribution to salary
Additional focus child time. Each key person spent more time with their children eligible for EYPP. This approach meant their key person can teach in the moment offering support and challenge on an individual basis	Key workers / Teacher spend additional time with children eligible 16 days (3 learning reviews a year – 1 extra than non EYPP eligible children) Contribution to salary
Offering small group walks in the community to support the children to feel comfortable with new experiences and the language development which also arises from these experiences.	Weekly small group walks to Friendly Fridays, the park, the shop, Care Home and the library. 32 x 0.5 days Contribution to salary

Impact and Outcomes

Our focus on managing emotions, confidence, resilience, communication and language and early literacy were identified as priorities and our tracking shows we narrowed the gap for all children.

Monitoring, Assessment and Evidence

- Termly progress
- Termly well-being and involvement judgements
- Regular cohort monitoring
- Monitoring of assessments by the Headteacher and Nursery Teacher.
- Case studies
- Meetings with families
- **What we needed to do to support this work**
- Provide additional 1 to 1 time mainly with their key workers for children eligible to support development of language and confidence to try something new and cope with new situations
- Continue to organise small focused language groups.

Learning for next year

Support for emotional resilience and self regulation has been identified as a key focus. Focus in our School Improvement Plan to understand and support children's sensory and emotional needs.

Provide further enrichment activities such as visits to the library during Spring 2025 and Christmas Forest School visit to Mellor Primary School Dec 2024.