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'Inspiring Children to Shine'

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Dear Parent,

The Early Years Pupil Premium

From April 2015, nurseries, schools, child-minders and other childcare providers have been able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care.

We wanted to write to you to explain what the Early Years Pupil Premium is, explain who is eligible for this funding and, importantly, to ask you to provide required information on your parental declaration, so that we as a provider can claim the extra funding for your child.

National data and research tells that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well, for example in 2014 45% of children eligible for free school meals achieved the expected level at the end of the early years foundation stage compared with 64% of other children. The Early Years Pupil Premium will provide us with extra funding to close this gap.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who have been in care or adopted from care. This means an extra £302 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early education. This additional money could make a significant difference to us.

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include for example additional training for our staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our colleagues in the area to further our expertise or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language.

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 this additional funding.

You may be aware if you have older children that a pupil premium has been available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost to the children receiving the funding. We want to do the same for our early years children entitled to this funding.

Therefore we ask that ALL PARENTS provide the required additional information to allow us to check eligibility for the additional Early Years Pupil Premium.

- and 4 year olds in early education will attract EYPP funding if they meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

- their family gets 1 of the following:
 - o Income Support
 - o income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - o income-related Employment and Support Allowance



- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit or 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)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit or
- Universal Credit
- they have been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- they have been adopted from care in England or Wales
- they have left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

Children must receive Early Education Funding in order to attract EYPP funding. They do not have to take up the full 570 hours of early education they are entitled to in order to get EYPP.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Went or the School Office.

Yours faithfully

T Drew
Headteacher

