**Early Years Pupil Premium**

Since April 2015, nurseries, schools, childminders 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.

National data research tells that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well, than other children. The Early Years Pupil Premium is to provide us with extra funding to close this gap.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 66 pence per hour (Sept 2023) for three and four year old children and those on two year entitlement funding. (This rises to 68 pence for April 2024). This now means an extra £376 a year (rising to £387 from April 24) for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement (15 hours per week) to early education. This additional money makes 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 year we have noticed the following areas for development:

* Many children have speech and language difficulties, so we will spend some of the EYPP funding to support and further develop children's language.
* We are focusing on early maths for our 3-4 year olds, where there are gaps in their knowledge of number.
* We have also noticed that some of our children miss opportunities to take part in physical activities, particularly outdoors, so this is another area that we want to develop, and which our large garden enables so well.
* Other things we are using our EYPP money for is building relationships and engagement with parents and improving attendance.

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 in 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.

A return is submitted to the local authority for eligibility to be checked, we receive the results approximately a month following submission. This enables us to confirm the children within the setting who are eligible.

The number of children eligible varies each term, according to movement within the nursery, transitioning out and transitioning in. This academic year, from September we have noted that there are on average 15 children eligible for EYPP.

As an Early Years setting, we have the freedom to choose how we spend the money to best support disadvantaged children in our care. We are in receipt of approximately £5640 for the academic year 2023-24

**How we spend the EYPP funding 2023-24**

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| What | Costing | Success criteria | Evaluation |
| Cover the cost of a school meal for those eligible for a FSM - EYPP Funding spent on paying for FSM meals Sept-23-July 24 approx 29 meals per week, | £3140 | All EYPP children will receive a nutritious school lunch (1-5 times a week, depending on attendance pattern) |  |
| Cost of covering TA support for so they can run small nurture groups, to focus on communication and language, attention and listening approx. £760 pa | £760 | Improved communication and language, attention and listening, and social engagement |  |
| Small group work music sessions, through our contracted music therapy service | Contribution £1000 | Improved listening and attention, social confidence and social interaction |  |
| Continue our commitment to furthering our knowledge within our Continuing Professional Development by attending relevant cpd (this year with a focus on maths) whole staff team (in house) £50 | £50 resources | Staff upskilled in promoting rich mathematical opportunities through focus activities, the environment and continuous provision |  |
| Signposting families to additional services through local family hub offer | £0 | Parents better informed on a range of factors to support their children |  |
| Purchase of two additional bikes (Rabo large 2 wheelers) | £379 | Confidence to tackle new challenge for older children |  |
| Trips into the local and wider community which enhance children’s learning and development | Neg | Broadening children’s experiences, understanding the world, strengthening cultural capital |  |
| Total spend | £5329  (£311 left) |  |  |

**Measuring the impact of the EYPP**

Observations of children in house

Informal conversations at the start or end of a day

Conversations with families through termly parent conferences

Exit interviews

Success after the implementation of any additional family support

Conversations with professionals we work alongside to support families; 8.

Case studies

Termly summative tracking