Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Information for Early Years Providers

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced an Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) in April 2015.

Eligible Children can start claiming EYPP in the term in which they become eligible for 3 and 4-year-old free entitlement.

Please be aware that EYPP is paid based on the Universal funded hours only - not on the extended entitlement.

Identifying eligible children

Parent and carers will need to complete the relevant section of the parental declaration giving providers permission to apply for EYPP. The parent needs to be claiming one of the benefits or credits listed below to enable Management Information to check for eligibility. Children may be eligible for EYPP if they meet the "Other Criteria" shown below.

EYPP Economic Criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit 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 three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods.

EYPP Other Criteria

- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of an adoption order in England or Wales
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of a special guardianship order in England or Wales
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of a child arrangements order in England or Wales
- Children who are currently being looked after by a Local Authority in England or Wales.

How to apply

Early Years Providers can apply using the link below:

- Online form for EYPP applications

Management Information will check for eligibility with Eligibility Checking Service (ECS) and advise you of the outcome by email

Other Criteria

Children who have left the care of a local authority

Providers must email MI at miearlyyears@kent.gov.uk to confirm that evidence has been seen before a payment can be processed.

Children who are currently being looked after by a local authority

All applications for children currently being looked after by a Local Authority will be forwarded to Virtual School Kent (VSK). Providers must also inform VSK by emailing Marian.Smith@kent.gov.uk to confirm that the child is attending at their provision. VSK will verify eligibility and will make EYPP payments for these children.

EYPP Funding

Providers will receive an additional £0.60 per universal funded hour for the eligible children under the economic criteria and for those children who have left the care of a local authority. Providers will receive EYPP funding that is proportionate to the number of funded hours that a child is taking up, to a maximum of 570 hours in the child's funding year. This will be paid on a termly basis. Unfortunately, payments cannot be released until the headcount claims for all settings have been verified.

EYPP Payments

Management Information will check for eligible children where payments were processed in the previous term. Payments for these children will be processed in the first payment run due in providers' accounts the week commencing Monday 27th February 2023

Payments for new application forms received prior to the half term break (where the checks are in order) will be included in the second payment run due into providers accounts week commencing Monday 6th March 2023

Forms received during or after the half term break will be checked and payments for eligible children will then be processed every two weeks.

Following confirmation from the Department for Education (DfE) we would advise you that once a child's eligibility for EYPP has been confirmed you will no longer have to re-check eligibility on an annual basis, unless the child changes setting.

EYPP Flowchart

You can download a flowchart below:

- EYPP Flowchart (PDF, 435.6 KB)

For further information on how to use the EYPP funding please visit the Equality and Inclusion EYPP section

Contact us

Contact Management Information for further information about the EYPP Scheme in Kent by email at miearlyyears@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 42 16 12 and ask for Victoria Bentley or another member of the team will be able to help you if Victoria is unavailable.

Disability Access Fund(DAF)

Information for Early Years Providers

Disability Access Fund (DAF) introduced in April 2017, provides funding to support children with disabilities or special educational needs. The DAF aids access to early years places by, for example, supporting providers in making reasonable adjustments to their provision.

The DAF has been extended to include eligible two-year-olds until September 2023.

Providers who offer **Free Early Education places for 2-year-olds** known in Kent as the Free for Two or 'FF2' scheme, **can now** apply to claim Disability Access Funding (DAF) to support eligible children.

Two-year-old children may be eligible for DAF if they meet the following criteria:

- The child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and
- The child receives free for two universal free early education and childcare entitlement.

Three and four-year old children may be eligible for the DAF if they meet the following criteria:

- The child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA); and
- The child receives universal or extended free early education and childcare entitlement.

All Early Years providers who receive funding for the entitlement for two, three and four-year olds can claim DAF for eligible children.

If a child who is eligible for DAF is splitting their funded hours across two or more providers, the parent must nominate one of the settings to receive the DAF funding as this cannot be split.

How to Apply

Early Years providers can download an application form to apply for DAF funding for two year olds using the link below:

- DAF 2 year old Funding claim form (DOCX, 50.2 KB)

Early Years providers can download an application form to apply for DAF funding for 3 and 4 year olds using the link below:

- DAF 3 and 4 year old Funding claim form (DOCX, 42.7 KB)

Please note that this form needs to be completed with parents and carers and emailed to Early Years Management Information at miearlyyears@kent.gov.uk with a copy of the latest DLA awards notice. The awards notice needs to cover the term in which the application is made.

DAF Payments

The Disability Access Funding is payable as an annual lump sum per eligible child.

Funding is paid at the fixed annual rate of **£800.00** per eligible child this comes in to effect from Summer Term 2022.

First payment for DAF will be processed after the headcount claims have been verified, forms received during or after the half term break will be checked and payments for eligible children will then be processed weekly

Second year payment will be made on the anniversary of the first payment provided:

- The awards notice covers the second year
- Child is still claiming funded hours at the setting named on the application.

Important Information

If a child receiving DAF moves from one provider to another the new provider is not eligible to receive DAF funding for this child within the same year. Funding received by the original provider will not be recouped by Kent County Council. The new provider is not eligible to receive DAF funding for this child until the anniversary of the first payment has passed. A new application will have to be completed and sent to Management Information after this period

View further information relating to Disability Access Fund (DAF)

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