

# Early Years Pupil Premium

Giving your child the best possible start

## Information for parents



### What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

The Early Years Pupil Premium is extra funding that your childcare provider can claim for eligible three and four year old children accessing their free early education entitlement. The extra funding is to support children's development, learning and care.



### Who is eligible?

Children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or children who were in local authority care but are no longer in care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order.

### How will this funding make a difference?

Research shows that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well at the end of the early years foundation stage compared with other children. The Early Years Pupil Premium will provide extra funding to your childcare provider to improve the quality of their provision.

### How will the extra funding be used?

Your childcare provider can use the funding in any way they choose to improve the quality of early years education they provide for eligible children, for example, supporting children with speech, language and communication difficulties by funding extra staff training or purchasing additional resources.

### How do I help my childcare provider claim this funding?

You should complete an Early Years Pupil Premium application with your childcare provider. This involves giving your National Insurance number or National Asylum Support Service number, name and date of birth. Your personal circumstances will not be discussed. Your eligibility will be checked and confirmed by Cheshire East Council.

The additional funding is paid directly to your childcare provider to support the delivery of high quality early education for your child. This funding will not provide additional hours for your child.



### Will the Early Years Pupil Premium affect my benefits?

No - using this scheme will not affect any of the benefits you may be entitled to.

## Further information

Please call Cheshire East Early Years and Childcare: 01270 685888  
Website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/feee](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/feee)