

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) Policy

Policy Statement

Peques is committed to supporting children's learning and development and to making effective use of all available funding to enhance outcomes and experiences for eligible children.

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding provided to early years settings for eligible children accessing funded early education and childcare. Peques uses this funding to help improve the quality of education, learning experiences, and support available to children.

Scope

This policy applies to eligible children attending Peques who are accessing funded early years entitlement places and to parents and/or carers applying for EYPP through the setting.

Eligibility Criteria

A child may be eligible for EYPP if they receive at least one hour of funded early years entitlement provision and their parent and/or carer receives one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the family is not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and has an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, where household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, excluding benefits.

A child may also be eligible if they are currently looked after by a local authority in England or Wales, or if they have left care in England or Wales through:

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order.

How the Funding Is Used

Department for Education guidance states that providers are best placed to decide how to use EYPP funding in ways that are most effective for their children. Peques uses EYPP to enhance children's experiences and to support progress in learning and development.

This may include:

- staff training to enhance the quality of teaching and learning;
- additional resources;
- staff employment with specialised expertise or qualifications;
- outings and visitors.

Applying for EYPP

Parents and/or carers who believe their child may be eligible should speak to the nursery. Peques will support families with the application process and any information needed for eligibility checking.

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Admissions Policy & Procedure
- Early Years Funding Policy
- Tracking Child Development Policy
- Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Policy and Procedure
- Partnership with Parents Policy

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