

Early Years Pupil Premium Grant September 2016 to July 2017

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding for early years settings to improve the education they provide for disadvantaged three and four year-olds.

Eligible children must be three or four years old and using their free early education entitlement and their parent or carer must receive one of the following benefits:

- 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'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

Funding may also be available if a child falls into one of the following groups:

- Looked after by the Local Authority
- Adopted from Care
- Has left Care through a Special Guardianship Arrangement
- Has left Care and is subject to a Child Arrangement Order (previously known as a residence order)

In 2016/2017 Greenfields EYPP grant was £1920

The EYPP funding in 2016/2017 contributed towards two artists in residence who work with the children on a weekly basis. This has enhanced the curriculum and given children a wide range of activities to participate in. It has particularly provided opportunities for children to develop their creativity, confidence, independence, spoken English and fine motor skills.

The projects culminated in an adventure along the canal accompanied by two ponies that pulled the children's model narrow boat, 'Water Donkey' along to its home in the newly designated Children's Sculpture Garden at Bixley Triangle. The entire project is documented in the October edition of Nursery World.

All children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium have made rapid progress over the year and were working at or beyond age expectation by July 2017 despite low starting points.