



Ladybirds EYPP Policy (Revised 4th November 2024)

Working in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS).

Quality and Consistency.

A Secure Foundation.

Partnership Working.

Equality of Opportunity.

Unique Child Positive Partnerships Enabling Environment Learning and Developing

Introduction

At Ladybirds Preschool we recognise that Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), is similar to the pupil premium received by schools in respect of eligible children in Reception through to Year 11. The EYPP, updated in April 2026, enables early years providers to claim an additional £1.05p per hour, per eligible child, up to a maximum of £598.50 per child, per annum. This money is to be spent on the child's/ children's learning, development and care and providers are to use the funds to improve the education provided.

Procedures

Eligibility

2.1 In order to be eligible the child must be aged 3-5 yrs and in receipt of Early Years Entitlement (EYE). EYE refers to the 15 hours per week, 38 weeks of the year, Government funded early years provision that every child aged 3-5yrs is entitled to.

EYPP funding shall be pro rata'd according to the number of hours EYE the child receives. Eligibility may be verified in the term prior to receipt of EYE. Eligibility may be re-confirmed in the September of the academic year in which the child turns 4.

2.2 EYPP may be available where the parents are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (providing 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, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Or if the child:

- Has been looked after by the local authority, in care for at least one day

- Has been adopted from care
- Has left care through special guardianship
- Is subject to a child arrangements order (previously a residence order)

3. Claiming

3.1 Notifying the preschool of your eligibility, and the subsequent claim for EYPP, is voluntary. Parents are not obliged to provide this information but are encouraged to do so. EYPP funding must be used either to specifically raise the educational attainment of your child or to be pooled to raise the attainment of a number of children. Parents are thus encouraged to declare their eligibility for the benefit of the children.

3.2 Ladybirds Preschool will claim and receive the funding on your child's behalf where they are eligible. The Preschool must then use the funding to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children and are accountable to Ofsted.

3.3 For those new to claiming EYE, the information requested on the declaration form provided will, when supplied to Wiltshire County Council, enable your eligibility for EYPP to be ascertained.

3.4 For those already in receipt of EYE, or those whose eligibility may arise or vary following their EYE application, there is a separate form. This form may be completed at any time you believe that you meet the eligibility criteria above.

Should this occur please liaise with our Manager for further details of what to do next. This form must also be completed, and Wiltshire County Council notified, where your circumstances have changed and you no longer meet the eligibility criteria.

4. Investment

4.1 The rationale behind the extension of the pupil premium into early years settings is to support children in receiving the best start possible, raising the quality of the early years' education offer. Consequently, the funding should be spent on improving their education, supporting their learning, development and care. Focus is placed on using the funding to support strategies to raise the attainment of disadvantaged children.

4.2 In order to ensure that the funding raises the attainment of disadvantaged children the Preschool has considered:

- i. the number of disadvantaged children within the preschool – in order to determine the amount of funding to be received and whether an individual or pooled resource would be most beneficial,
- ii. the specific needs of the disadvantaged children within the Pre-School,
- iii. research highlighting strategies and improvements that impact upon these needs and result in raised attainment amongst these children and

iv. how the impact of the strategy / provision can be evaluated to ensure the funding is used effectively.

4.3 Expected funding:

The current EYPP funding has been set at an additional 68p per hour per child. Each term we will be notified by WCC as to which children have received EYPP funding and the amount. The pre-school benefits from a small intake and the funding received through EYPP is expected to be minimal. Therefore, expenditure will be addressed according to individual need as and when monies are claimed.

4.4 Specific Needs:

The Preschool will consider the specific needs of each child and use the funding effectively to enhance the facilities and resources to improve learning experiences, benefitting the growth and development of the child. For example:

- purchase resources that will address a child's needs
- pay for extra sessions if a whole day would benefit the child / family
- pay for children to go on Preschool trips
- pay for relevant training for the child's key person.

4.5 Raising Attainment:

The Preschool will ensure that the EYPP is used effectively by ensuring early intervention with families. We will ensure that all Early Years Practitioners are up to date with their training. We will build independence and self-efficacy and provide resources that develop speaking and listening skills. The Pre-school will continue to work to increase parental engagement with the setting through 'Chat & Play' sessions, 'Stay & Play' sessions, Open Days, and Home Visits.

4.6 Evaluation:

Where funding is allocated the Key Person and Manager shall monitor and report upon the expenditure, resource provided and impact / attainment achieved to the committee.

Other Related Policies & Procedures

The following policies provide additional information regarding the safeguarding and welfare of the children in our care:

- *Admissions Policy*
- *Children's Records Policy*
- *Children's Rights & Entitlement Policy*
- *Committee Policy*
- *Confidentiality & Client Access Policy*
- *Diversity & Equality Policy*

- *Employment & Staffing Policy*
- *Equal Opportunities Policy*
- *E-safety Policy*
- *Fees, Charges & Non Payment Policy*
- *Financial Reserves Policy*
- *Food & Drink Policy*
- *GDPR Policy*
- *Information Sharing Policy*
- *Key Person & Settling In Policy*
- *LADO Policy*
- *Looked After Children Policy*
- *Managing Children & Staff with Allergies Policy*
- *Mobile, Camera & Social Media Policy*
- *Nappy Changing Policy*
- *Outdoor Play Policy*
- *Outings & Visits Policy*
- *Parent Involvement Policy*
- *Parents Alcohol & Drug Misuse Policy*
- *Photography & Video Policy*
- *Physical Contact & Handling Policy*
- *Physical Environment Policy*
- *Positive Behaviour Policy*
- *Prevent & British Values Policy*
- *Provider Records Policy*
- *Recording & Reporting of Accidents & Incidents Policy*
- *Safeguarding Policy*
- *Special Education Needs & Inclusion Policy*
- *Staffing & Volunteers Policy*
- *Suitable Persons Protection*
- *Toileting Policy*

- *Transfer of Records Policy*
- *Uncollected or Lost Children Policy*
- *Usage, Storage & Retention Policy*
- *Vaccination Policy*
- *Working in Partnership Policy*

This policy will be monitored and evaluated at committee meetings. It will be reviewed bi-annually and unless new legislation or an incident occurs which requires an immediate review of this policy

November 2024

Review Date: November 2026

This policy was adopted by the committee on 01/11/2024

Signed: *Jean de Gatis* _____

Reviewed Date:

Signature:

Amendments: