

14th September 2015

Dear Parent

The early years pupil premium

From April 2015, pre-schools, nurseries, schools and childminders will be able to claim extra funding through the early years pupil premium to support children's development and learning.

We wanted to write to you to explain what the early years pupil premium is, who is eligible, what it can offer your child, and how you can apply for this additional funding.

The early years pupil premium can provide an extra £302 a year for three and four year old children who have been in care or adopted from care or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits.

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years experience that we provide for your child. This could include supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language or purchasing specialist resources to meet the needs of the child.

We know that a high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school so we are very keen to access this funding where we can.

Therefore we ask that **all parents** fill in the relevant section of the parent declaration form. This will allow us to claim the additional early years pupil premium for eligible children.

If you have any questions, please contact ***Mrs Taylor***

Yours faithfully

Mrs Taylor
EYFS Lead