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Dear Parents and carers

### **Early Years Pupil Premium**

From April 2015, nurseries, schools, Childminders and other childcare providers became eligible to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. We wanted to write to you to explain what the Early Years Pupil Premium is, explain who is eligible for this funding and, importantly, to ask you to fill out the attached new child form if you have not already done so in order that your early years setting can claim the extra funding.

National data and research tells that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well, for example in 2014 45% of children eligible for free school meals achieved the expected level at the end of the early years foundation stage compared with 64% of other children. The Early Years Pupil Premium will provide your early years setting with extra funding to help to close this gap.

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who were formally in local authority care but who left care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order. This means an extra £302 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early education. This additional money could make a significant difference to us.

Your early years setting will use the extra funding to improve the quality of the early years education they provide for your child. This could include for example additional training for their staff on early language, investing in partnership working with early years colleagues in the area to further expertise, or to support staff to work on specialised areas such as speech and language.

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It is well documented that high quality early education can and does influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school, and so along with your early years setting we them to make the most of this additional funding. You may be aware if you have older children that a pupil premium has been available for school age children and it has proved to have given a real boost to the children receiving the funding. Havering want to do the same for our early years children entitled to this funding at your early years setting. Please therefore complete the attached form and return it to your early years setting.

Should your family meet the criteria below, please complete the attached New Child form and return it to your early years setting by no later than **Wednesday 20 May 2015**.

### Eligibility

Three and four year olds claiming the Early Education Entitlement will attract EYPP funding if the following applies:

Your family gets 1 of the following:

- 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
- Universal Credit

Your child:

- Your child has been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- Your child has been adopted from care in England or Wales
- Your child has left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

Should you require any further information, please speak to your early years setting, or go to [www.havering.gov.uk/eee](http://www.havering.gov.uk/eee).

Yours Sincerely

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