



Castleway Nursery School

Early Years Pupil Premium Statement 2023-2024

From April 2015, we have been able to claim extra Government Funding for some of our 3 and 4-year olds in the Nursery School to support their development, learning and care. This funding is called the Early Years Pupil Premium.

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) provides us with an extra 62 pence per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who have been in care or adopted from care. This means an extra £388 a year for each child taking up the full 15 hours per week funded entitlement to early education.

It is well known that high quality early education can influence how well a child does at both primary and secondary school so we do want 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 children receiving the funding. We want to do the same for our children entitled to this funding.

We currently use the extra funding to support children's progress and achievements in the Early Years Foundation Stage three 'prime areas' - Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Main barriers to learning

- Personal, social and emotional.
- Speech, language and communication difficulties.

Actions

- The grant allocation is used to contribute to the cost of additional TA support within the nursery which in turn facilitates appropriate interventions and support whilst also facilitating lower child to staff ratios.
- Nurture group activities support children to overcome barriers to learning through intervention and encouragement. These can take place within the: F1 learning environment (indoors / outside); Forest School; Sensory Room; and / or other quieter rooms within the school.
- Forest Schools sessions enable our children to develop in confidence, and independence as they access challenging experiences in a safe way.
- Children benefit from regular 'Wellcomm' intervention sessions to further develop their speech, language and communication skills.
- Forest school sessions enable children to learn to use tools safely, build their skills of independence and resilience through trying new, challenging experiences.
- Interventions are planned based on the individual needs of EYPP children, including intervention to provide challenge for more able EYPP children.
- The intervention strategies used to support our EYPP pupils are highly effective, however they are dependent upon good levels of attendance which continues to be a key focus of the setting's development plan.

Expected Impact

Interventions are monitored throughout the year. Progress and attainment is tracked through a cyclical assessment process. Information from each child's class teacher / key person along with discussions with parents and other professionals are used to measure the impact of interventions. It is expected that children able to access the full range of interventions will make better than expected progress across the year.

Updated – September 2024 to include actual figures

Early Years Pupil Premium Funding 2023-24

Early Years Pupil Premium Grant Allocation:

Autumn: £554

Spring: £653.40

Summer: £2,254

Total: £3,461.40