

A one-minute guide for Early Years settings

Looked after and previously looked after children (LAC/PLAC), Early Years Pupil Premium Plus (EYPP+) and Personal Education Plans (PEPs)

Early Years entitlement – it is important that all current looked after children have the opportunity to access good quality early years education.

The child’s social worker and/or foster carer may approach an early years setting for a place. Please ensure that they are aware of their following entitlement and how to access the relevant funding:

Age	Hours	Provider	Funding
2 years+	15 hours	Providers should ALWAYS have a GOOD/OUTSTANDING OFSTED rating if possible	Talking 2s funding
Term AFTER 3 rd birthday	15 hours		Talking 3 + 4 funding EYPP+ (paid by the LA in which the child accesses the provision)
Term AFTER 3 rd birthday	30 hours (apply through LA Childcare team and social care if they satisfy the 3 conditions below)		EYPP+ (paid by the LA in which the child accesses the provision)

To access 30 hours of nursery funding the foster carer MUST satisfy these three conditions:

Children in foster care who are aged 3 or 4 years old will be able to receive 30 hours free childcare, if the following criteria are met:

- Accessing the extended hours is consistent with the child’s care plan; and
- Where there is a single foster parent family, the foster parent is engaging in paid work outside their role as a foster parent; or
- Where there are two foster parents in the same fostering household, both are engaging in paid work outside their role as a foster parent.

So, the foster carer must be in some form of other paid employment, as well as the foster care. It doesn’t have to be the case that this other paid work is for 16 hours or more, there just has to be some form of other paid work.

Early Years pupil premium plus (EYPP+)

All looked after and previously looked after children are eligible for early years pupil premium plus from the term after their 3rd birthday - this funding is accessed through the Early Years Team in the local authority where the child accesses their education setting. (Via Stacey Picken in Telford and Wrekin)

The Early Years Pupil Premium is additional funding used to improve a child's learning and development. The money is paid directly to your childcare provider as part of their normal funding claim with the local authority. This is approximately £300 per academic year.

For looked after children, the use of the EYPP+ funding is discussed in their termly personal education plan (PEP) meeting with the childcare provider, social worker and parent/carer.

There is no other funding stream for additional nursery hours provision for looked after and previously looked after children.

There is no priority given to LAC/PLAC for nursery placements.

Personal Education Plans (PEPs)

All looked after children aged 2 years+ should have an early year's PEP in place until they reach statutory school age. In Telford and Wrekin, it is the Virtual Schools responsibility to ensure that each child has an up-to-date PEP that is reviewed termly. Social workers and childcare providers have a responsibility to work in partnership to ensure that this plan is meaningful and ensures access to high quality early years education.

Please contact Kerriann Hughes the Virtual School PEP Coordinator kerriann.hughes@telford.gov.uk if you have a current Telford and Wrekin looked after child in your setting.

School Admissions – applications for a Reception place need to be made to your home LA by 15th January. Remember that LAC/PLAC get priority within the Admissions Code – this needs to be noted on the school application form.

Any other queries then please contact: Anita Farrant Education Adviser Telford and Wrekin Virtual School anita.farrant@telford.gov.uk