Dear Parents/Carers,

**Early Years Pupil Premium – Very important information – Deadline to apply is 11th January 2019**

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is extra funding available for school as we offer early years education for 3 and 4 year olds. The extra funding can be used to further improve the quality of education we can provide for disadvantaged children. The EYPP provides an extra 53 pence per hour for eligible 3 and 4 years olds. This means an extra £302.10 a year for each eligible child taking up the full 570 hours of funded entitlement for early education.

**How do I know if I am eligible for funding?**

**If you receive at least one of the benefits listed below, your child’s early years provider will be entitled to EYPP:**

* *Universal Credit, if a parent is entitled to Universal Credit you must have a household annual income equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods.*
* *Child Tax Credit (provided you do not receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income of no more than £16,190)*
* *support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
* *the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit*

**Your child may also be eligible for funding (depending on your household income) if you receive:**

* *Income Support*
* *income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance*
* *income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
* *Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit*

**Children are also eligible if:**

* they’re looked after by a local council
* they’ve left care in England or Wales through:
* an adoption order
  + a special guardianship order,
  + a child arrangements order

Please apply online at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/early-years-pupil-premium>

***Important: Please note that the closing date for all applications for Spring 2019 must be received by Wirral Borough Council by Friday 11 January 2019.***

Kind regards

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