

## **Early Years Pupil Premium Policy**

‘The aim of the Early Years Pupil Premium is to close the gap between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers by providing funding to early years providers to help them raise the quality of their provision’ (Department for Education (DfE) Consultation)

The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour on top of the Free Entitlement 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 £302 a year for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early education.

### **Eligibility**

Children will be eligible to claim Early Years Pupil Premium if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Their family receives one of the following:
  - Income support
  - Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
  - Income-based 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, provide they are 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
- They have been in local authority care for one day or more in England or Wales
- They have been adopted from care in England or Wales
- They have left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

Natural Nurture can use the extra funding in any way we see appropriate to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include for example additional training for our staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our colleagues in the area to further our expertise, supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language or investing in resources that will support the learning and development of the child in receipt of the Early Years Pupil Premium.

We ask all parents to fill out an additional form to that of the Free Entitlement so that we are able to claim the Early Years Pupil Premium on their behalf if eligible.



## **Demonstrating the impact of Early Years Pupil Premium**

All Early Years Pupil Premium funding is recorded and documented against each child who is in receipt of it. This shows how the setting intends to, and uses the funding to support that child's learning and development, based on their Learning Journals and observations.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of The Natural Nurture Nursery Management Committee held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.