



WHITMORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Halford Lane
Coventry CV6 2HG

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Dear Parent and Carers

The Early Years Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is additional funding that is made available to schools to support pupils from low income families or who have been Looked After by the Local Authority continuously for more than six months. Until recently, this funding has only applied to pupils once they are in school full time but from April 2015, this funding has now been made available to children who attend a nursery provision and who are 3 or 4 years of age.

Nurseries, schools, childminders and other childcare providers are now able to claim Pupil Premium funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support pupil's development, learning and care.

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.

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early years education that we provide for your child.

Research shows 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, giving a real boost to the children receiving the funding.

Therefore we ask that ALL PARENTS / CARERS fill in the attached form and return it to us by **Wednesday 28th September 2016**. This will allow us to claim the additional Early Years Pupil Premium.

If you have any questions, please come in to speak to a member of staff in the school office.

Yours sincerely

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