



# Westfield Nursery School 'Early Years Pupil Premium Funding'

## Introduction

At Westfield Nursery School we believe that parents are a child's first and enduring teachers. They play a crucial role in helping their children learn. Where parents are involved with their children's education and learning both at home and in partnership with the school, their children do better and achieve more. These benefits can be long-lasting and extend to better health, relationships and improved employment prospects.

We made this book entitled 'Early Years Pupil Premium Funding' following a consultation process with parents. Previous parents have found it very useful, we hope you do too. We welcome any feedback and further ideas, so we can keep this leaflet up to date. If you have any comments, please speak to your child's teacher.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the creation of this leaflet.





## **Benefits of Parental Partnership**

The benefits for the children are:

- It is easier for children to learn when they get encouragement from home.
- They will do better and achieve more when their parents are involved.
- Children get access to more activities in and out of school when there are more adults to help.
- Their concerns can be sorted out more quickly when their parents have a positive relationship with school staff.
- They are happy when their parents are enjoying events in the school.

The benefits for parents are:

- Their children do better when they are involved.
- They are better able to help and encourage their children.
- They have more information about their children's education.
- Parents can build their own confidence and skills.
- Where there is a positive relationship between parents and their child's school there are benefits all round.
- Parents get reassurance that their children are receiving a good education.



## **Early Years Pupil Premium Funding**

The government currently allocates additional funding to schools in the form an 'Early Years Pupil Premium Fund'.

It is very important to claim this funding for your child as it gives settings extra funds to meet your child's needs. In early Years this funding is allocated automatically when you complete the 'Parent/ Carer Declaration/ Provider Agreement Form for Nursery Education Funding for 3 & 4 Year Olds.'

Nursery is told if your child is eligible and they will ensure your child is supported appropriately.



## **Opportunities for children who receive Early Years Pupil Premium Funding**

**Activ8-** This is a specialist provider of physical activity who visit the Nursery. They deliver a range of key movement skills, such as running, skipping, hopping. They also use small games equipment such as balls to control, send and receive; whilst also developing language skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

### **Forest School**

These are outdoor learning experiences. Children are stimulated by the outdoors and typically experience, over time, an increase in their self- belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication and problem-solving skills and emotional well-being. These sessions are supported by Mrs Begley and Mrs Sharp.

### **Mindset Group**

Children attending this group focus on naming and identifying emotions and building their own self-esteem and resilience; this supports their language development. All this is achieved through play activities. This group is run by Miss Dhenin.

### **Games Group**

With the help of Miss Pratt, in this group children work with a small group of friends playing simple games, so they develop their language whilst learning to share and take turns. They also experience what happens when you lose a game!

### **Nurture Group**

Mrs Campbell runs a group focusing on the personal and social element of the curriculum. Children develop language and communication and learn how to express themselves and their emotions. This builds their confidence and self-esteem.



## Is my child eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium Funding?

Children who are eligible for this funding include

- Children entitled to free school meals
- Children adopted from care
- Children under special guardianship

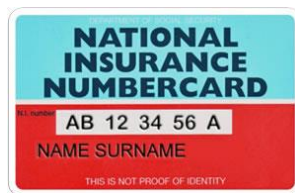


In order to claim Early Years Pupil Premium Funding a parent/ carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less
- Working Tax credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)

Or

- if your child has been in Local Authority Care for 1 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



## What should I do if I have further questions?

If you have any questions talk to:

- Mrs Collins regarding how your child may currently be supported in school

**Thank you for your continued support of the school.  
Should you have any comments please contact Mrs Collins**