



Gorsemoor Primary School

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Dear Parent,

The Early Years Pupil Premium

From April 2015, we will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support your child's development, learning and care within school. We wanted to write to you to explain what the Early Years Pupil Premium is, explain who is eligible for this funding and, importantly, to ask you to fill out the attached form.

National data and research tells that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well. In 2014, 45% of children eligible for free school meals achieved the expected level at the end of the early years foundation stage compared with 64% of other children. The Early Years Pupil Premium will provide us with extra funding to close this gap.

The Early Years Pupil Premium could provide up to £302 per year for children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or those who were formally in local authority care. 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. 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 or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language.

If you think you may be eligible to receive Early Years Pupil Premium please fill in the attached form as soon as possible and return to the school office. This will allow us to apply for the additional funding on your behalf.

If you have any questions, please contact either Mrs Horn or Mrs Costello.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Horn

