

Ann Bernadt Nursery School

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Early Years Pupil Premium

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding that is allocated to nurseries to support children from low-income families. This includes families of Looked After Children, families who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and children from service families.

The allocation for 2017-18 is £302 per child.

This year this funding has been mostly allocated to support the provision of Forest School within the setting. Forest School is a six week, high impact intervention which has been shown to enhance progress and achievement across all areas of the curriculum.

Where a child is not yet ready to take part in Forest School the funding contributes to enhance the schools environment and the access to many different areas of the curriculum.

This year (2017/18), 12 children are currently entitled to EYPP. The funding contributed to the salaries of 1:1 support assistants to provide training to support them in meeting the specific needs of individual children and diminishing the differences for them. The funding will also contribute towards training on developing staff understanding of 'child initiated learning' and how it can support create more individualised ways of teaching children their next steps.

We have also developed the outside area of the school to include a new growing and planting areas which has supported children's understanding of nature and life cycles. Children's are also supported to learn the importance of taking care of this area and developing an understanding of growth.

The fruit and vegetables which we grow are then cooked for lunch and our cook supports the children's understanding of this by coming to the planting area regularly to talk about the plants and if they are ready to eat.

Children who were in receipt of EYPP made rapid progress (on average 4.4 point of progress). 50% of the cohort were SEND. Two children achieved 40 – 60 months emerging. A further child achieved 30 – 50 months secure.



