

The Early Years Pupil Premium at The Ambleside Centre

The EYPP is used flexibly to ensure that we can offer the level of support that individual children and families require.

During 2019/20 we received £4175 in EYPP funding. This has been used to support children in small group sessions in singing, cooking, and socialisation games. We have continued to offer our Early Talk Boost programme and additional 1:1 support for speech and language, stories, etc. Children, with their adult support, have also benefitted from using our sensory room. Staff have had training in Attachment and delivering the Attention Autism programme. Anxiety tubs have also been created in each room.

During 2018/19 we received £4287 in EYPP funding. Throughout the year we have given 1:1 support for specified children, including where required in speech and language; small group sessions in singing, cooking, PSED games; early talk boost sessions and learning in play skills. Additional support is offered when required to parents and by staff in family support meetings.

During 2017/18 we received £4423 in EYPP funding. Throughout the year we have used the money to meet the individual needs of children. We have released staff to work alongside SENCO and S&L therapist to enable them to develop skills to support speech and language requirements of children. We have continued to offer our Early Talk Boost programme and have funded additional adults to work with children in small groups to develop language skills, provide social and emotional support and develop physical skills.

During 2016/17 we received £5087 in EYPP funding. The main barriers to education achievement faced by our EYPP children are communication and language, and also personal, social and emotional development. We believe one of the best resources for very young children is additional adult support. For this reason we funded an additional Learning Support Assistants to help both generally with our EYPP children and on a 1:1 basis where required. We continued to deliver both the Early Talk Boost programme and our LSA led cookery sessions. From these cookery sessions our EYPP children developed their mark making and recording skills in their personal cookery books. We also supported some staff in Makaton and BSL training to help with one child.