**Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) report**

**September 2019 – July 2020**

**Due to Covid 19 we were not able to collect comparative assessment data for entry and exit points.**

Eight children were identified as being eligible for EYPP by October 2019. By January 2020 this number had increased to thirteen. Twelve of the thirteen children had previously attended our two year old provision before moving into our Nursery three year old classes. One child was in their second year in the Nursery having delayed entry to Reception.

Early Years Pupil Premium Allocation for the academic year 2019-20 totalled £890.40 in the Autumn Term, £1049.40 in the Spring Term, and £1653.60 in the Summer Term. So for all three terms we received a total of £3593.40.

The EYPP allocation provided targeted interventions, led by experienced and qualified Teachers and Teaching assistants with the aim to ‘narrow the gap’ and improve levels of attainment for children receiving pupil premium funding . Staff have been trained to use ‘Planning in the Moment’ to meet each child’s individual interests, as well as educational and emotional needs. Most of the pupil premium children attended our ‘Life skills through movement’ physical group sessions. These not only help children develop gross motor physical and coordination skills, but also focus on the personal social and emotional skills required for co-operative play. Communication and Language skills are also developed as children listen to, and follow, instructions during the session.

Some of our EYPP children also received additional 1-1 or small group TA support. This support focused on a variety of areas including communication and language, personal social and emotional development, and early maths and literacy skills.

Homerton also employs a specialist music teacher for the whole Centre. Her lessons are often tailored to support individual children to build self-esteem, confidence, and listening and attention skills including those in receipt of pupil premium.

Many of the families receiving pupil premium funding have had additional parenting support and advice from our staff.

From March 2020, when schools closed due to Covid 19, Homerton remained open for Key worker children. During this time staff phoned our Pupil premium families on a weekly basis. All Homerton children received an Easter Egg and hampers were also provided to a number of children at this time. We ensured that our support for families continued right through to July. Four families, whose children were in receipt of pupil premium, chose to return to Homerton in June 2020 when we reopened more fully.

At Homerton we firmly believe in supporting the whole family in order to achieve best outcomes for individual children.