

Early Years Funding

A Guide for Families

This leaflet explains the funding that is available to help pay for your child's early education.

Free education for 3 & 4-year-olds

All families of 3- 4-year olds can claim free early education of up to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks. This is paid directly to settings at a rate of £6.54 per hour.

Working families may also be eligible for an additional 15 hours per week of funded early education. This is called the 30 hours offer.

What about 2-year-olds?

Some 2-year-olds are eligible for up to 15 hours of free early education per week for 38 weeks. This is paid directly to settings at a rate of £6.50 per hour.

Deprivation rate funding

Additional funding of 65p per hour is available to families from deprived areas to help pay for early education. Entitlement is based on the child's postcode.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

The EYPP helps early years settings improve education for disadvantaged 3-4-year olds who meet eligibility criteria. It is paid at 53p per hour.

Note: Children claiming the 30 hours offer are not eligible



Tax Free Childcare

For working parents, the Government will pay £2 towards your childcare costs for every £8 you put in yourself. This is up to a maximum of £2000 per year.

SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)

The council's Enhanced SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF) can be used by early years settings to pay for changes to their provision that promotes inclusion for:

- 3- 4- year olds with lower level or emerging special educational needs (SEN)
- **OR** 2-year-olds with significant delays

The value of the fund is according to the child's needs. It can be used to pay for specialist equipment, adaptations or adult support.

Only settings may apply, and they must obtain parental consent.

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

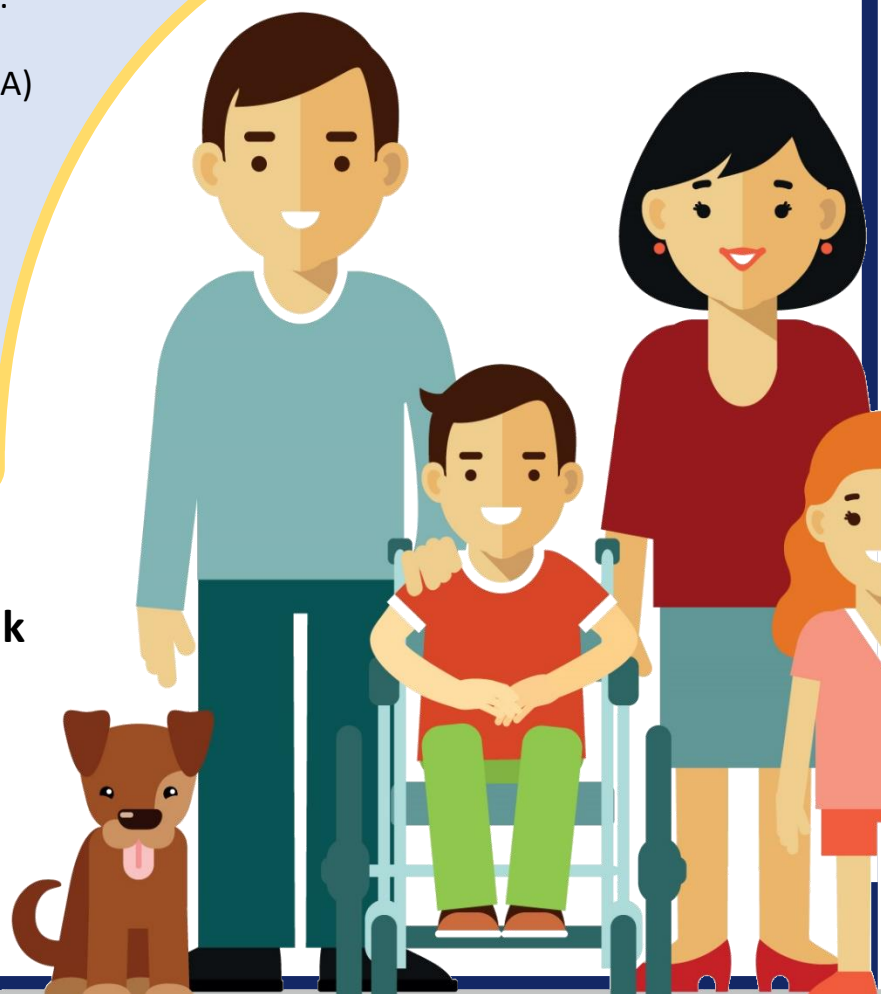
The Government provides one-off funding to early years providers to offer more places for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This is called the Disability Access Fund (DAF).

Early years providers can apply for the DAF per 3-4-year old child who receives:

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Free education entitlement

The value of the fund is £615

Only settings may apply, and they must obtain parental consent.



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