

EARLY YEARS SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) INCLUSION FUNDING



Your child's nursery/childminder/school are expected to meet the needs of all children with some small changes to the curriculum

However, some children may require a higher level of support because they have significant learning/physical needs

If you, and the professionals involved agree that your child may require additional support, the nursery/childminder/school can make an application for Early Years SEN Inclusion Funding



Your child may be eligible to receive extra support from the Early Years SEN Inclusion Fund if they:

- **Have an identified Special Educational Need (SEN) or have a more complex developmental/ medical need**
- **Are taking up their free entitlement to early learning (FEEL) funding**
- **Attend a child-minder, pre-school, nursery or school setting**



Your child may also be able to receive this support, for further information on whether your child is entitled to the Free Entitlement to Early Learning (FEEL) provision click on the RBG Children Families Directory link:

[Early Learning and Childcare](#)



When an early year setting apply, they will need to provide detailed information about your child's needs to the Early Years SEN Inclusion Fund to help them make their decision

You will also be asked what you think, and to sign a form to say you are happy for this to happen and for the setting to send this information



The setting will be given an amount of money to support your child and they will decide how best to use it, but it might include:

- Adult support for times when child would benefit e.g., lunchtimes, start/end of a session**
- Adult support to group/paired based support and interventions**
- Special equipment or resources**
- Training – bespoke/INSET or attendance/cover to attend training.**
- Staff covers for TAC meetings, time to write referrals, EHC requests or SENCO time**



The Early Years SEN Inclusion Fund will make sure all decisions about support funding are made in a fair way



Once a decision has been made the early years setting will be told what support they will be receiving to support your child.

They will also be sent a letter to give to you which will tell you what has been agreed.



Every term the setting will be asked to check that your child still needs the support and provide more information to show this.

They will also ask you again what you think about this.

If your child continues to require a high level of support, you are likely to be asked about applying for an Educational Health and Care Plan.

When this happens will depend on the arrangements in the borough you live in.



If you would like to find out more or have any questions, please.

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