

## **AfC Early Education Funding**

### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

AfC must strategically plan support for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to meet the needs of all children in their local area as per the Special Educational Needs and Disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years (January 2015).

The provider must ensure owners and all staff members are aware of their duties in relation to the SEND Code of Practice and the Equality Act 2010.

AfC will be clear and transparent about the support on offer in their area, through their Local Offer, so parents and providers can access that support.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/education-and-education-services/special-educational-needs-and-disability>

The provider should be clear and transparent about the SEND support on offer at their setting and make information available about their offer to support parents to choose the right setting for their child with SEND.

#### **Disability Access Fund (DAF)**

Providers caring for children who are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance can claim an extra £615 per financial year as long as no other provider has claimed within that financial year. To claim DAF the parents must have signed the relevant section of the parental authorisation form.

When submitting the child's EEF claim, please specify yes in the 'Nominated for DAF' box and upload a copy of the child's current DLA award letter. Please see instructions on how to upload a document in the documents section on the Provider Portal page. Further information about DAF can be found on our website.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/professionals-hub/information-for-childcare-professionals-working-in-kingston-and-richmond/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send/disability-access-fund-daf>

#### **Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYSIF)**

Providers should refer to the latest guidance on the AfC website on how to apply for Early Years Inclusion Fund or contact their nominated Inclusion and Improvement Advisor.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/professionals-hub/information-for-childcare-professionals-working-in-kingston-and-richmond/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send/early-years-special-educational-needs-inclusion-fund-eyesif>

Any queries regarding funding eligibility should be emailed to the early year's team  
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