

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

The Disability Access Fund aids access to early year's places. It should help towards making reasonable adjustments and/or helping with building capacity (be that for the child in question or for the benefit of the children attending the setting).

Eligibility

Three- and Four-year-olds will be eligible for the DAF if:

- They are in receipt of child Disability Living Allowance and receive funded early education.

Entitlement

The settings of three- and four-year-olds eligible for the DAF will be entitled to receive a one-off payment of £828 per financial year. The DAF is not based on an hourly rate and is an additional entitlement.

The lump sum payment can only be paid to one setting. The parents of children, who are splitting their EEF across two or more providers, are responsible for nominating the provider who should receive the DAF payment.

Children do not have to take up the full 570 hours of early education to be entitled to receive the DAF.

If a child receiving DAF moves from one setting to another within a year of receiving the money it will remain with the original setting. The new setting is not eligible to receive DAF funding for this child within the same year.

Identifying eligible children

Early years providers are responsible for identifying eligible children. Providers should speak to parents to find out if their child is eligible for the DAF.