

Disability Access Funding (DAF)

From April 2017 the Department for Education (DfE) has introduced new funding for Early Years providers, the **Disability Access Fund (DAF)**, to support children with disabilities or special educational needs.

The DAF aids access to Early Years places by, for example, supporting providers in making reasonable adjustments to their provision.

Eligibility for Disability Access Fund (DAF)

Three and four year olds will be eligible for the DAF if they meet the following criteria:

- the child is in receipt of child **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)** and
- the child receives the universal free 15-hour entitlement for three and four year olds or the 30-hour extended entitlement

Identifying eligible children

Early Years providers are responsible for identifying eligible children by talking to parents in order to find out who is eligible for the DAF. The childcare provider will send a copy of the DLA award/entitlement letter for the child as proof of eligibility to Haringey, as stated in the Parental Agreement.

Funding is paid at **£615 per year** per child and is paid to one childcare provider nominated by the parent/carer.

How to claim DAF Funding

Providers will need to claim the funding by highlighting the appropriate field on Haringey's Childcare Provider Portal.

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Early Help Commissioning Team