



## 7.2 Funding available for children with SEND

### 2- 3 Year Olds

For children who are aged 2-3 years old and are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), are eligible for 15 hours of funded childcare.

Contact [twoyearoldfunding@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:twoyearoldfunding@southglos.gov.uk) to check eligibility and to claim funding.

### Disability Access Fund for 3-4 year olds

This fund is available for children who are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). It is an annual payment made to the setting of £615 with the intention of enabling the child to access provision. This payment sits alongside the 15 hours of universal funding for all children who are of this age. It is the responsibility of settings to apply for this funding.

- VLE > Early Years Providers > 04. Business + Finance > DAF

### Inclusion Fund – NEG funded children

The government have placed a duty on local authorities to provide an Inclusion Fund to support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The fund is aimed at children who are working slightly below the expected levels and are considered to be at SEND support within the code.

The fund is open to any child who is 3-4 years old and is claiming either 15 hours of universal funding or their full or part of their 30-hour entitlement. It is the responsibility of settings to apply for this funding. They will need to demonstrate the needs of the child and how they plan to use the funding to support the child. The purpose of this fund is to provide short term intervention with a view to the child catching up with their peers. Settings therefore provide a review on the impact of this funding after 6 months. At both the application and the review stage, the views of the parents and child are gathered.

Within the fund, there is the option to apply for individual funding for a child or cohort funding for a small group of children. Funding can be allocated for activity that is considered to be above the usual inclusive practice and can be used for staff training, resources and to enhance the staff ratio during specific times during the day. The fund **does not** provide 1:1 support for a child.

### Discretionary Funding

This can be applied for when submitting an application for an EHC Needs Assessment. The person completing the application for the needs assessment needs to tick the box

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on the form requesting discretionary funding and this will be considered along with the needs assessment. The purpose of this funding is to support the setting to meet the needs of the child whilst a needs assessment is taking place and further information about the child is being gathered. Once the plan has been agreed and finalised the discretionary funding ceases.