The Disability Access Fund (DAF) in Barnet

What is it?

An **annual** payment of £615 to early years settings/school nurseries and childminding settings to support the 'reasonable adjustments' that need to be put in place for children with complex SEND.

For which children are nurseries and childminding settings able to claim the DAF?

- Only for 3 and 4 year olds (not 2 year olds or children who receive FEE2)
- Have to be on FEE3/4 but do **not** have to be on 30 hours
- Have to be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Must be in nursery or childminding setting – not eligible if the child is a 4 year old in reception class
- Child becomes eligible for the DAF at different points in the year depending on when they turn 3 and this is related to when they receive FEE3
- Children in receipt of the DAF will be eligible where they take-up any period of free entitlement i.e. the child does not have to attend a full 15 (or 30) hours at an early years setting.
- If a child is splitting their FEE3/4 across two or more providers, parents will be asked to nominate the main setting.
- If a setting receives the DAF for a child in their setting and then the child leaves that setting in the same financial year, the new setting is not eligible to receive the DAF funding for that child with in the same financial year. The DAF funding received by the original setting will not be recouped.
- If a child resides out of Barnet but attends a provider in Barnet, then Barnet is responsible for funding the DAF for that child.

How does an early years setting/nursery apply for DAF?

Settings need to complete the sample parent declaration (Annex A, p14) in the Model Agreement. Once completed, it needs to be sent to the Early Years team so that payment can be made earlyyears@barnet.gov.uk

Who will monitor the use of the DAF in early years settings?

The area SENCOS or PsTT teacher can give advice about what resources would be appropriate to purchase for a child where the DAF has been agreed. You are requested to detail how you have spent each DAF payment to The Pre-school Inclusion Team.

EY SEN Inclusion Fund in Barnet

What is the Early Years SEN inclusion Fund (EY SENIF)?

It is a fund to support the inclusion of children with complex SEND in early years settings.

For which children are nurseries and childminding settings able to claim the EY SENIF?

- 2 year olds on the FEE2 and 3 and 4 year olds on the FEE3/4 who have complex SEND.
- If a child resides out of Barnet but attends a provider in Barnet, then Barnet is responsible for funding the EY SENIF for that child (this is a change to high needs funding)
- Early years settings/school nurseries and childminding settings can apply for personnel in order to support a child's inclusion in an early years setting.

Where can I find out further information?

Please see information and an application form on the Barnet Local Offer website at: https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/children-young-people-and-families/the-local-offer-and-special-educational-needs/Early-Help.html