

Disability Access Fund - Application Form

Information and Guidance

Providers who offer Free Early Education and Care (FEEC) for 3 and 4 year old children can apply to Kirklees Council for Disability Access Funding (DAF) to support children with a disability to access the free entitlement. A lump sum payment of £615 is available each financial¹ year to providers who have eligible funded children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

Please complete and sign page two of this form and return to your provider along with a copy of your child's most recent Disability Living Allowance Letter confirmation. The childcare provider will then send the form and proof of eligibility to Kirklees Council.

- Payment of £615 will be made to the provider in the term your child accesses their free place.
- Children do not need to take up all of their entitlement to 570 hours to be eligible for DAF.
- Your child should be registered with the provider at Headcount/Census ² week to qualify for payment. Your provider will be able to tell you more about this.
- Payments will be made annually. If you move your child to another childcare provider during the year then the DAF funding is not transferable.
- DAF funding can only be paid to one provider annually therefore if your child accesses their free entitlement at more than one provider, you must nominate which provider receives the DAF funding.
- Any equipment or resources purchased using DAF funding will remain the property of the provider.
- Four year olds in reception class are not eligible for DAF funding.
- Two year old funded children are not eligible for DAF funding.
- Where a child resides in Kirklees but attends a provider in a different local authority, the provider's local authority is responsible for funding the DAF and eligibility checking.
- Where a child resides in another local authority but attends a provider located in Kirklees Council then Kirklees Council is responsible for funding the DAF and eligibility checking.
- Providers must be approved providers of Early Education and Care to receive DAF payments.

¹ 1 April to 31 March

² Third Thursday in January, third Thursday in May, first Thursday in October

Application Form

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| Child's legal first name: | |
| Child's legal surname: | |
| Child's date of birth: | |
| Child's home address including postcode: | |
| Provider name you wish to receive the DAF funding: | |
| Child's start date at provider: | |

Parent consent and declaration:

I declare that:

1. I am the parent/legal guardian of the child named on this form.
2. The above information relating to my child is accurate and I will notify the childcare provider of any changes.
3. I have given evidence to the provider that my child is in receipt of child Disability Living Allowance and I consent that this application form and evidence will be shared with designated officers at Kirklees Council.
4. I confirm that my child is in attendance and receiving Free Early Education and Care at the childcare provider named above.
5. I understand that if I move my child to another provider that the DAF funding is not transferable.
6. I understand that my personal information is held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Full name of parent.....

Signature of parent/legal guardian..... Date.....

Provider:

I confirm that the child named on this application is in attendance and claiming their free Early Education and Care at this provider.

Name of Provider.....

Signature of Provider..... Date.....

Providers: please upload this form along with a copy of the DLA letter via the Free Early Education and Care Funding Document upload facility www.kirklees.gov.uk/fecupload or alternatively post to FEEC Team, 1st Floor Kirkgate Buildings, Byram Street, Huddersfield, HD1 1BY.

Schools and academies can send via AnyComms+ to Learning Service Early Years file type DAF applications.