

Disability Access Fund FAQs for Parents

What is the Disability Access Fund (DAF)?

The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is funding that early year's providers can use to support children with disabilities in their setting. The aim of the DAF is to help providers to make reasonable adjustments in their settings to support children in the setting.

It is a one-off payment that is given to any registered early years provider who is providing a funded early education place.

How will I know if my child is eligible?

To be eligible for DAF, you will need to meet the following criteria:

- your child receives child disability living allowance (DLA) and;
- your child is accessing an early years funded place.

Please note: you will need to provide evidence that your child receives DLA.

Who applies for DAF funding?

Your child's early years provider will apply for the funding via the Synergy portal; however, they will need your consent to do this.

Who does the DAF payment go to?

DAF funding is payable directly to your child's early education provider. If your child is attending more than one provider for their early education entitlement, then you as a parent must declare which setting you would prefer to receive this funding.

How often can my provider apply for DAF?

DAF funding is allocated once in a 12-month period however a provider may apply for the funding at any point during the academic year.

What can DAF be spent on?

DAF will help providers make reasonable adjustments in their settings and may work with you to decide how the funding will be used to support your child whilst in their setting.

What happens to the funding if I move my child to a different early year's provider?

If a child changes provider, the funding does not move with the child. The one-off DAF payment stays with the original provider, however the new provider may be able to apply 12 months after the first payment was made.