

A Guide to Nottinghamshire Early Years Inclusion Funding and Resources for the Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector, Working with Children with Additional Needs.

The following document provides guidance as to the types of funding / resources available dependant on a child's level of need.

Useful Links:

[Early years education and child\care training | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Application for inclusion funding and review documents
[Nottinghamshire Early Years inclusion funding application and review forms](#)

Transition grant application

[Nottinghamshire Early Years inclusion funding application and review forms](#)

Funding and Resources available for Early Years Settings with Children in need of Universal Support (Emerging Needs)

(To be eligible, children must be taking up their funded childcare entitlements and be attending a Nottinghamshire Private, Voluntary or Independent setting. If they are a funded 2 year old, they must also be a Nottinghamshire resident). Please see each form of funding for any variations to this.

- Transition Grant (available for children in receipt of their funded childcare entitlement, attending a Nottinghamshire Private, Voluntary or Independent setting transitioning to a Nottinghamshire setting or school).
- Enhanced staffing – Short term action plan with exit strategy. (Section D)
- Access to paid for Nottinghamshire early years education and childcare training.

Please use this document in conjunction with the SEND funding descriptors document.

Funding and Resources available for Early Years Settings with Children in need of Targeted Support

(To be eligible, children must be taking up their funded childcare entitlements and be attending a Nottinghamshire Private, Voluntary or Independent setting. If they are a funded 2 year old, they must also be a Nottinghamshire resident). Please see each form of funding for any variations to this.

- Enhanced staffing.
- Disability Access Fund (DAF) (if eligible)
- Transition grant. (available for children in receipt of their funded childcare entitlement, attending a Nottinghamshire Private, Voluntary or Independent setting transitioning to a Nottinghamshire setting or school).
- SEND premium
- Access to equipment to meet the needs of children with physical disabilities. (Nottinghamshire resident children only).
- Occupational therapist assessment (Nottinghamshire resident children only)
- Manual handling package for 2 staff. (Nottinghamshire resident children only)
- Safe handling advice / Safe systems of work and risk assessment (Nottinghamshire resident children only).
- Access to paid for Nottinghamshire early years education and childcare training.
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Funding and Resources available for Early Years Settings with Children with High Level Needs

(To be eligible, children must be taking up their funded childcare entitlements and be attending a Nottinghamshire Private, Voluntary or Independent setting. If they are a funded 2 year old, they must also be a Nottinghamshire resident). Please see each form of funding for any variations to this.

- Enhanced Staffing Support.
- Disability Access Fund (D.A.F)
- Transition Grant (available for children in receipt of their funded childcare entitlement, attending a Nottinghamshire Private, Voluntary or Independent setting transitioning to a Nottinghamshire setting or school).
- SEND premium
- Access to equipment to meet the needs of children with physical disabilities. (Nottinghamshire resident children only).
- Occupational therapist assessment (Nottinghamshire resident children only)
- Manual handling package for 2 staff. (Nottinghamshire resident children only)
- Safe handling advice / Safe systems of work and risk assessment (Nottinghamshire resident children only).
- Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) support. (Nottinghamshire resident children only).
- Access to paid for Nottinghamshire early years education and childcare training.

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Nottinghamshire SEND Early Years Funding.

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1.0 Inclusion Funding

- 1.1 For enhancing staffing:** This fund is available for children with emerging, targeted and high level needs. Apply through the inclusion funding application form. Link to application: **Nottinghamshire Early Years inclusion funding application and review forms**
- 1.2 Manual Handling Training:** This is for developing staff understanding of safely moving and handling children that have physical disabilities. Apply through the inclusion funding application process – See link above. (Eligibility - Nottinghamshire resident children only)
- 1.3 Specialist Equipment for Children with Physical Disabilities:** Apply through the inclusion funding application process – See link above. This also provides access to an Occupational Therapist assessment and safe handling / safer systems of work advice. (Eligibility – Nottinghamshire resident children only).
- 1.4 Transition Grant:** This is available for children that will need a transition arrangement that is significantly additional to and different from their peers. This fund is mainly targeted at those children with SFSS support and is a contribution of up to 10 hours funding. Please use the separate transition grant application document. (Eligibility – children in receipt of their funded childcare entitlement attending a Nottinghamshire Private, Voluntary or Independent setting, transitioning to a Nottinghamshire school or setting).

- 1.5 **Access to Paid for Training:** This is available as part of a full inclusion funding application or by recommendation of the inclusion funding panel. See link above in section 1.1

2 Additional Funding:

- 2.1 **DAF:** Available for all 3 and 4 years olds in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). (Please note that 4 year olds in school reception (F2) classes are not eligible for DAF funding). This is a one off payment of £615 per year.

Providers will need to complete the application in the DAF module of the provider portal and upload evidence that the child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

(a copy of their letter from the DWP showing the dates that they will be in receipt of DLA) and a copy of the Parent Declaration form, showing that the parents have nominated them as the setting that they wish to claim DAF for their child.

- 2.2 **EHCP Process Funding:** This is to support the settings contribution to this process. (Eligibility – Nottinghamshire resident children only). Payments are made at 3 points in this process. To a total value of £406.

(i) Plan in Process (EHCP1) (NCC internal notification system applied providers will receive this money automatically).

(ii) Assessment Complete (EHCP2). (NCC internal notification system applied, providers will receive this money automatically)

(iii) EHCP completed (EHCP3). (NCC internal notification system applied, providers will receive this money automatically).

- 2.3 **SEND Premium:** This is for settings supporting a high number of SEND children. This will be allocated by the panel automatically when the threshold is reached. Please ensure that you provide the information of the numbers of SEND children in your setting on both the application and review forms.

SENDCO Certificate

This is a certificate in recognition of a commitment to professional development in the area of Special Education Needs in Early Years Setting.

It can be achieved by attending the following courses over no more than a 2 year period: -

1. Role of the SENDCo
2. Early Identification and Intervention.
3. Extending the knowledge of the Early Years SENDCo. (Only suitable after completing the Role of the SENDCo and Early Identification & Intervention)
4. One other Early Years SEND course.

All of these courses can be accessed through : [Early years education and child\care training | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)