

# Help with childcare costs: Disability Access Fund



This easy read document tells you about additional support with childcare costs for children with disabilities.



This document is part of a set of easy read information about help with childcare costs. [The full list of easy read documents is at the end of this document.](#)

## What is the Disabled Access Fund?



Organisations that provide childcare places for children might be able to receive money from the Disability Access Fund to help with costs of supporting children with disabilities.



For each child in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) the provider accepts, they can receive £915 each year.

## Who is eligible?



The Disability Access Fund payment can be made if:



- the child has been awarded Disability Living Allowance (DLA)



- the child attends funded nursery entitlement at a day nursery, pre-school, childminder or school nursery, and



- the child is aged 2, 3 or 4.

## What is Disability Living Allowance (DLA)?



Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children is a government benefit to help with the extra costs of looking after a child, under the age of 16, who has disabilities.



The disabilities that qualify a child for DLA include difficulties walking or needs that require much more looking after than a child of the same age who does not have a disability



There are other eligibility requirements. [Details about DLA are available on the GOV.UK website.](#)

## How is the Disability Access Fund paid?



The Disability Access Fund payment is made directly to the childcare provider to help them with their extra costs.



Eligible “early years providers” include day nurseries, pre-schools, registered childminders and school nurseries and other organisations offering Foundation Stage 1 support, that offer funded entitlement places.



Primary schools cannot claim DAF funding for 4-year-olds; but maintained nurseries can.



If a parent is splitting their funded childcare entitlement across two or more providers, they will need to choose which one receives the Disabled Access Fund grant.



This will usually be the one where the child attends for most of their funded hours.

## How can I find out more information?



If you, or your childcare provider, wants to know more, they can speak to our Early Childhood Services business support team by:



Phone: 0115 977 2510

or



email: [earlychildhoodservices@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:earlychildhoodservices@nottsc.gov.uk).

## Customer Service Centre



Our Customer Service Centre can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:

**Web:** [Use our online contact form](#)



**Telephone:** 0300 500 80 80

**Text Relay:** 18001 0115 977 4050

People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).



### **Sign Video**

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use the [SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.

## **Other childcare funding easy read documents**



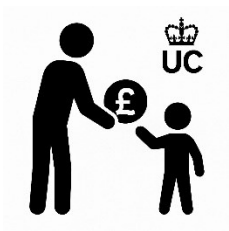
You can read our other easy read documents with specific information on childcare support for:



- [Childcare funding for working parents with children over than 9 months and under 5 years](#)



- [Tax free childcare for working families of children aged 0-11 \(or 0-16 if the child has disabilities\)](#)



- [Universal Credit for childcare](#)



- [Families receiving additional forms of financial support with children aged 2](#)



- [Childcare support for students](#)

## Links in this document

### GOV.UK – Disability Living Allowance for children

[gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children](https://gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children)

## **Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform)

## **Relay UK app**

[www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html](http://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html)

## **SignVideo app**

[signvideo.co.uk/download](http://signvideo.co.uk/download)

## **Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Working families**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-free-childcare-for-working-families-easy-read](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-free-childcare-for-working-families-easy-read)

## **Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Tax-free childcare**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-tax-free-childcare-easy-read](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-tax-free-childcare-easy-read)

## **Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Universal Credit for childcare**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-universal-credit-for-childcare-easy-read](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-universal-credit-for-childcare-easy-read)



## **Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Families receiving additional forms of financial support with children aged 2**

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-families-receiving-additional-support-with-2-year-old-children-easy-read

## **Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Childcare support for students**

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-for-parents-who-are-students-easy-read

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For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Help with childcare costs \(Nottinghamshire County Council\)](#)

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/early-years-and-childcare/help-with-childcare-costs

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