

**Brighton & Hove City Council
Early Years and Childcare (EYC)
Childcare Inclusion Fund
Information for Parents
September 2018**

Thank you for your interest in the Childcare Inclusion Fund. Please read the following eligibility criteria and guidance before completing the application form.

Childcare Inclusion Fund

Childcare inclusion funding is available if you have a child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who is attending Ofsted-registered childcare and childcare run by schools. The funding is intended to provide for changes to the childcare provision to make it possible for your child to attend. This might include changes to the building, specialist equipment, training for staff, more staff time or an additional member of staff.

You must pay the fee (if any) for attending the childcare.

Funding is strictly limited and so if applications exceed the amount available you may not be successful.

Eligibility

If your child has SEND and needs additional support to attend childcare they may be eligible if they:

- have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or a statement of SEND, and/or
- are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance

Your child must be resident in Brighton & Hove and aged under 18.

Amount of funding

Inclusion funding is offered at two levels: up to £1,800 a year for parents who are not working or training, and a higher level of up to £3,600 a year for parent who are in work or undertaking education or training leading to work, and have childcare needs. In the case of a two parent family both parents must be working at the time they use the childcare.

The year runs from April to March. The maximum hourly rate childcare providers can apply for where your child needs one to one support is £10 per hour including on-costs which equates to 180/360 hours childcare for the year.

Parents must recognise that the level of funding will not be sufficient to pay for inclusion support for all year round childcare.

The maximum level of funding applies across all settings, and so if your child receives childcare from more than one provider this will be taken into account in subsequent applications. You are also responsible for taking this into account when making an application for inclusion funding.

Inclusion funding includes the summer, Christmas, Easter and all half term holidays, and so if your child is attending a holiday play scheme as well as an after-school club this will be taken into account in the maximum amount allowed.

Type of childcare

The funding can support your child to attend Ofsted-registered childcare or childcare run by schools. Childcare which is run by schools under their own Ofsted registration must be offered for two or more hours a day at the end of the school day and for at least three days a week. The childcare must be in Brighton & Hove.

Funding is not available for children to attend after school activities run by schools (such as activity clubs) or by organisations which are not registered with Ofsted (for example football clubs or Brownies).

Application process

New applications should be made jointly by you and your childcare provider. Applications can be made any time in the year and decisions are usually made within two weeks.

Repeat applications

Repeat applications may be submitted at the start of each term on a shorter form which confirms that your and your child's circumstances and pattern of attendance have not changed.

If successful funding will be paid to the childcare provider each term.

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