

# Disability Access Fund

**5** Minute Facts

## Who is it for?

- All settings with 3 and 4 year old children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and receives free early education can receive the Disability Access Fund (DAF)
- Children do not have to take up the full 570 hours of free early education to receive the DAF. Children in receipt of the DAF will be eligible where they take-up any period of free entitlement
- Eligible children will be able to receive a one-off payment each year. This is not based on an hourly rate and is an additional entitlement
- The lump sum can only be made to one setting, if a child moves during the financial year the funding remains with the original setting
- 4 year olds in reception classes are not eligible for the DAF funding

## What is it?

DLA is the main benefit for disabled children and is there to help meet any extra costs of being disabled.

It is not means tested so the parent's financial situation is not considered. DLA is also not taxable or treated as income for other benefits. Any ill or disabled child may qualify and the parent does not have to wait for a diagnosis to make a claim.

However, to make a successful claim for DLA you must show that the child needs substantially more care, attention or supervision than other children of the same age who don't have a disability or health condition.

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[www.mylifeinbolton.org.uk](http://www.mylifeinbolton.org.uk)

## How do I apply?

Once a childcare provider has identified that a child is eligible for DAF, they will signpost parents to take the DLA letter to one of the following sites:

- Tonge Start Well Centre
- Oldhams Start Well Centre
- Farnworth Start Well Centre
- Alexandra Start Well Centre
- Oxford Grove Start Well Centre
- Great Lever Start Well Centre

The Start Well Centre Admin will verify eligibility.

Payments to the setting will be arranged. After three terms eligibility to be re-confirmed using this process.

## What can providers use the funding for?

The DAF is to be used by providers to make changes to their environment to help support their children with special educational needs/ disabilities.

Further information about DAF eligibility criteria and the application process can be found on the [Bolton Start Well website](http://Bolton Start Well website)

## For more information...

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