

## **Disability Access Fund (DAF)**

The Government as part of the Early Years Funding Formula introduced from April 2017, an additional funding stream –**The Disability Access Fund (DAF)** to support disabled children to access their three and four year old free extended entitlement (FEEE).

This will allow a fixed **one-off payment lump sum payment of £615** per eligible child per financial year to be paid to an early years setting nominated by the parent where their child is accessing their three and four year FEEE place.

To be eligible the child **MUST** be in receipt of **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**. The eligible child does not have to take up their full FEEE entitlement in order to receive the DAF. This can only be paid to one provider should the child be splitting their three and four year old FEEE entitlement across two settings. The parent has to nominate who will receive the DAF funding in this situation.

### **Early Years Providers to claim the funding for the financial year 2017-2018 need to:**

- Arrange for the parent to fully complete the Council's FEEE Parental contract . This can be found on the Council's Provider page (<https://www.derby.gov.uk/community-and-living/childcare/childcare-providers/>)
- It is the Early Year's settings responsibility before making a claim for DAF to see and retain a copy of formal evidence confirming the child is in receipt of DLA. This is the **ONLY** criteria that makes them eligible for the DAF payment and would need to be produced at FEEE compliance audits.
- Send a copy of the fully completed and signed FEEE Parental Contract to [FIS@derby.gov.uk](mailto:FIS@derby.gov.uk) so the one off £615 payment can be made to the nominated Early Year's setting. A form for this will be placed on the funding portal to submit claims from Autumn 2017.

If you have any queries on how to access or claim for this funding then please do not hesitate to contact the Families Information Service (FIS) on 01332 640758 or [FIS@derby.gov.uk](mailto:FIS@derby.gov.uk).