

## **Barnsley Early Years Inclusion Grant**

The Early Years Inclusion Grant is for early year's providers to help them support the needs of individual children with lower level or emerging SEN.

The grant should be used as a contribution towards providing additional resources and support where an early year's provider is unable to meet the costs from their own funds, and is not expected to cover full costs.

There is a limit to the amount of funding available in Barnsley. This means there is a possibility that not all eligible applications will be awarded the grant.

### **Who can apply?**

- ❖ An early years or childcare provider who is registered with Ofsted that delivers 2 and/or 3 & 4 year old funded places.
- ❖ A school/academy that delivers 2, 3 and 4 year old funded places.

### **Who is it for?**

A 2, 3 or 4 year old child (**please note a four year old in a reception class is not eligible**) who meets one of the criteria below:

- ❖ A funded child who has low level or emerging special educational needs who is on SEN support and requires support which is over and above a reasonable adjustment.
- ❖ A funded child who has more complex needs and will require an EHCP.

Due to limited funding priority will be given to a child's funded hours but in exceptional circumstances consideration will be given to applications for:

- ❖ A 2, 3, or 4 year old child who accesses wraparound hours paid for by the parent/carer.

**Please Note: A child who requires an enhanced ratio whilst accessing short break childcare place would apply for the additional funding through the short break process and not through this grant.**

### **What does the grant cover?**

- ❖ Funding to enhance staff to child ratios to provide support for an individual child with identified needs.
- ❖ Funding to purchase or loan specialist equipment that is specifically needed to support a child's identified needs and has been recommended by a Health Professional working with the child e.g. a specialist chair.

**Please Note: Small pieces of equipment/resources that benefit all children or capital items are not covered by this grant.**

### **How much can I apply for?**

- ❖ The maximum amount of funding for resources is £2,500 although this may be exceeded in exceptional circumstances.
- ❖ Funding to enhance staff to child ratios is paid at £6.05 per hour. Please remember this grant is to enhance the hourly rate already received by the provider in one of the following ways:
  - £3.94 (plus deprivation rate) Early Education Funding (EEF)
  - £4.94 Two Year Entitlement Funding (TYE)
  - £ 3.97\ £3.73 Average hourly childminder rate daycare hourly rate charged

## How many weeks can I apply for?

Funding is allocated on a termly basis therefore if you apply at the start of term you can apply for a full term. If you apply to a panel mid-term you can apply for the rest of the term plus the following term.

- ❖ Each funded child can access a maximum of 38 weeks of funding.
- ❖ Each child who accesses wraparound hours will be considered for a maximum of 48 weeks of funding per year subject to availability.

## How do I apply?

- ❖ Fill in all the boxes on the application form including the setting and child's details, current attainment levels etc. You **MUST** receive parental consent before applying – see separate signing sheet for you to return.
- ❖ Ensure you have any supplementary evidence that is required including EHA, SEN plans, tracking evidence
- ❖ Seek an endorsement from the relevant professional at a Inclusion Services consultation (for settings) at a forum with Inclusion Services (childminders) or at an SEN planning meeting (for schools)
- ❖ Submit the application with the title Early Years Inclusion Grant to [infofis@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:infofis@barnsley.gov.uk) if not using a barnsley.gov.uk email address please submit securely via SOPHOS.

**Please note applications sent via insecure methods or sent to personal email addresses will not be considered and may result in action from the Information Commissioner Office (ICO).**

## Professional Involvement

Gaining advice from a professional who is working with the child to support their needs is an important part of the application process and will support the panel in making a decision. You will need to document the advice given, the action taken from the discussion and the date of the discussion. Also clarify with the professional which SEN category would best describe the child's need.

CI (Communication Interaction) CL (Cognition and Learning) SEMH (Social Emotional Mental Health) SPN (Sensory and Physical Need).

## How do I work out how much I can apply for?

- ❖ **Rate** - £6.05
- ❖ **Hours** – The hours in a week when the child needs extra support (not the hours they attend)
- ❖ **Weeks** -The panel meets on the last Thursday of every month so your calculation needs to be start from the Monday following the meeting until the end of term unless you are applying mid-term and then you can also apply for the following term. Unless you know the child will leave sooner.

In summary your calculation needs to be **Rate £6.05 x Hours x Weeks = Total**

## What will the outcome of my application be?

- ❖ Successful - request granted in full
- ❖ Partially successful - some elements of the request granted
- ❖ Unsuccessful - resubmit with further/missing information
- ❖ Unsuccessful - professional as support requirements can be met by the setting making a reasonable adjustment
- ❖ Appeal against unsuccessful applications will be discussed at panel and reviewed by a Service and Strategy Manager.