

### 7.9 Disability Access Fund

#### Policy Statement

Under the Equality Act 2010, Kamelia Kids has a legal duty to ensure that they support the access of all children. To support this, in April 2017 the government introduced the Disability Access Fund (DAF) which is to help funded providers make those reasonable adjustments within their provision to support children with a disability.

A child will be eligible for DAF if they meet both of the following criteria:

- the child is in receipt of child Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and
- the child receives and of the following Early Years Funded Entitlement (EYFE):
  - 9-month-old EYFE for Working Families
  - 2-year-old EYFE for Working Families
  - Early Learning For 2-year-olds (Local Authority Issued 2-year-old EYFE)
  - 3- and 4-year-old Universal EYFE
  - 3- and 4-year-old Extended EYFE for Working Families

The Disability Access Fund is a one-off payment per child per year and is to be used to support the inclusion of eligible children through reasonable adjustments.

#### Procedures

What we Spend the Money on

The amount that the nursery will receive from the DAF may vary each year and is dependent on which children are eligible. Kamelia Kids can choose how to spend the money and may include ideas from professionals and parents/carers. We must keep accurate records of expenditure and evidence how this money was used and the impact it had for the child for whom the payment was received. For example:

- Purchase resources/ materials or equipment that enables access to and supports the learning and development through the EYFS.
- Provide activities that encourage parents/ carers to support their child's learning at home e.g., story sacks, activity sacks, sensory resources, SEND specific materials.
- Provide staff with continuing professional development and training on specific areas of specialism to support the child.
- Provide additional staffing at key times in the day.

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- Supporting reasonable adjustments with minor adaptations to a room and furniture.
- Creating capacity to support children with enhanced staff.

### Legal framework

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage

### Further guidance

Disability Access Fund

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/information-for-childcare-providers/early-years-funding/disability-access-fund/>

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