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. Three- and four-years olds will be eligible for DAF if the child meets both of the following criteria:

- the child is in receipt of child Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and
- the child receives Free Entitlement for 3 and 4-year-old funding.

The Disability Access Fund is a one-off payment per child per year and is to be used to support the inclusion of eligible 3 and 4-year-olds through reasonable adjustments.

Procedures
What we Spend the Money on
The amount that the nursery will receive from the DAF will vary each year and is dependent on which children are eligible. Kamelia Kids can choose how to spend the money and will 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.
- Supporting reasonable adjustments with minor adaptations to a room and furniture.
- Creating capacity to support children with enhanced staff.