

Solihull Early Years Inclusion Fund

All local authorities are required to establish a Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF) to provide additional top-up funding for early years providers to support children with SEND. In Solihull we call this the Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF). Solihull settings can apply for EYIF for funded early education children (DfE funded) where they are giving children extra consideration through the Graduated Approach. The decisions are made through an application and panel process. The panel may also consider children who are not early education funded (EEF) but are of EEF age. We believe every child deserves the support that enables them to thrive.

As a parent or carer you will be asked to give your consent when the setting submits an application. You should have already had discussions with the setting about the needs and interests of your child including when additional referrals need to be made to further support them. They may also talk to you about **Disability Access Fund (DAF)**. If a Solihull Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) request is agreed we can automatically fund EYIF.

The following website may be useful if you want to access ideas for further support.

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/localoffer/early-years-children-emerging-Special-Educational-Needs>

How will the setting use this funding?

Most settings use the additional funding for adult support time and for extra resources. They may also use the funds to enable further staff training. It will also support Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator time to talk with you or to complete referrals. Talk to your child's setting about how they will use the additional funds.

Further information about Solihull Early Years Inclusion Fund can be found [here](#)

