



# Sheffield

# SEND



## Early Years Inclusion Fund Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. Do I need to apply each academic year if a child in my setting has previously received Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF)?**

Yes. You should complete the new application form and ensure it is submitted before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **2. Where do I send the application form?**

This is to be sent to 0-5 SEND via Anycomms (preferred) or to [0-5SEND.SupportService@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:0-5SEND.SupportService@sheffield.gov.uk) (password protected). Please only send electronically.

### **3. We have made referrals to other services, for example health, but are awaiting an appointment. Who can moderate the EYSSG levels?**

You can add that these haven't been moderated as the child is awaiting an appointment in the Further Supportive Notes box.

### **4. I submitted an application after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, what happens?**

It will be reviewed with the next months applications.

### **5. Can I apply for EYIF if the child isn't in receipt of FEL?**

Absolutely. We will look at the application to see if exceptions apply. These exceptions include children who are moderated at Level 4 and Level 5 or have multiple areas of need moderated at Level 3. We look at all the evidence submitted to make the decision.

### **6. When will payments start from?**

Payments will start from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month the application was agreed. Your first payment will be made within the first few weeks after the application is agreed. You will then receive a payment per term (at the beginning) to cover that term.

### **7. If a child transfers into my setting midway through the academic year and has EYIF from the previous setting, do I need to make a new EYIF application?**

No. The previous setting should let the 0-5 SEND Service aware by e-mail ([0-5SEND.SupportService@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:0-5SEND.SupportService@sheffield.gov.uk)) of the placement move at least 2 weeks before. Payments will then transfer over to your setting. You would then re-apply each academic year if the child remains in your setting.

### **8. A child attends my setting in Sheffield but lives out of Sheffield. Can I still apply for EYIF to help support them?**

Yes. Sheffield EYIF is for children who attend a Sheffield setting, regardless of where they live. Remember to apply for Disability Access Funding (DAF) if the child is eligible in the first instance. For more information on DAF please visit: [Childcare funding for children with SEND \(including Disability Access Fund\) | Sheffield SEND Local Offer \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](#)