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## Accreditation

Some of our target settings are interested in gaining accreditation for the work they do to develop inclusion for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in their childcare provision.



### Different schemes

Some of the settings we are working with are researching with their Family Action Project Leader different accreditation and award schemes available that will help them develop inclusion for 0-5s with SEND.

### Factors to consider

When deciding whether or not to take part in any accreditation or award scheme, settings are reflecting on factors such as:

- cost
- commitment
- relevance
- timescales
- support available for working towards an award (eg training).

### Different schemes

A wide range of general inclusion schemes are available, such as:

- Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM)
- national awards (eg SEN inclusion awards)
- specific local authority inclusion programmes.

There are also more specific accreditation schemes, such as:

- Autism Accreditation Programme, offered by the National Autistic Society
- Makaton Friendly, offered by the Makaton Charity.

One of our settings has decided to go for an award through the charity Scope.

Links to different schemes are available on our Facebook page at:

[www.facebook.com/pages/Learning-Exchange/904749822892733?sk=timeline](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Learning-Exchange/904749822892733?sk=timeline)

## Further information

- Family Action is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to support school-based childcare providers with developing high-quality and inclusive childcare for 0-5s with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Find out more about the project, and download a wide range of free resources from: [www.learning-exchange.org.uk](http://www.learning-exchange.org.uk)
- Our Learning Exchange Facebook page gives links to events, suppliers, equipment, training and venues that might be of interest to school-based childcare providers: [www.facebook.com/pages/Learning-Exchange/904749822892733?sk=timeline](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Learning-Exchange/904749822892733?sk=timeline)

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