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Funding

Some of our settings have been researching funding opportunities to help them further develop inclusion for young children with SEND.



Researching funding

This has included looking at ways to make their childcare environment more inclusive, for example:

- sensory equipment
- books displaying more diverse images
- resurfacing paths
- height adjustable tables
- Braille signage.
- Extending the childcare offer to the school holidays

Together with their Project Leader, some of our settings are researching different funding opportunities available locally and nationally, such as:

- large national programmes
- early education / childcare funding for taking 2 year olds, and 3-4 year olds
- smaller local charities and trusts
- awards schemes
- funding from businesses
- local authority funding (eg some LAs have funding to support developments in inclusion)
- specialist funding (eg Greggs, Kellogg's, Magic Breakfast for breakfast clubs).

Here are just a few examples of websites our settings have been looking at:

- Government website (childcare for 2-4 year olds): www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/overview
- Disability Grants (wide range of funding opportunities): www.disability-grants.org

- Growing Schools (funding and grants): www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/
- Grants4Schools (grants database): www.grants4schools.info
- Big Lottery (including Awards for All): www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- Directory of Social Change (funding websites): www.dsc.org.uk/FundingWebsites
- Grantfinder (funding websites): www.grantfinder.co.uk

Settings are also looking into other ways in which they might be able to secure funding, such as:

- Fundraising (eg hold fundraising events, ask parents to donate items for a bring and buy sale, hold a sponsored event, put a donate button on the website)
- Becoming a registered charity, and therefore able to access different funding sources.

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
- 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

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