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Introduction

This guide and the accompanying case studies offer tips on how school-based providers can develop more inclusive childcare practices for 0–5s with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The resources draw on the learning gained by Family Action’s Childcare in Schools team as part of Department for Education (DfE) funded project during 2015–16 (see right).

As well as showing how different settings have been overcoming challenges to developing more inclusive provision, the resources demonstrate the positive impact that inclusive practices are having on children and their families.



About this guide

Family Action is being funded by the DfE as part of The National Prospectus Grants Programme 2015-16 to deliver the programme: ‘Increasing the provision of high-quality, inclusive school-based childcare for 0-5s with SEND’.

The aim of the programme is to increase the provision and improve the quality of inclusive childcare for 0-5s with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Targeted support

Until March 2016, Family Action’s Childcare in Schools team is supporting selected school-based childcare providers (nurseries, schools, children’s centres etc) to increase and develop their school-based provision of high-quality, inclusive childcare in England for 0-5s with SEND.

The team is providing intensive support to settings in three main areas:

- North (eg Morecambe, Leeds)
- Midlands/North London (eg Bedworth, Milton Keynes)
- South/South London (eg Southampton, Croydon).

During the course of the project we are also providing light support and face-to-face training for additional settings across the country (eg Devon). Find out more about all the settings we work with by visiting the Learning Exchange website: www.learning-exchange.org.uk

We have been disseminating the learning gained by all our settings during the year through the Learning Exchange website so that other settings can learn from their experiences (eg via tip sheets, case studies, templates, useful links).

Universal support

As well as our targeted support for selected schools, we are researching and sharing good practice around:

- what does and does not work well when developing quality, inclusive school-based childcare for 0-5s with SEND
- how early years settings can offer improved childcare experiences for parents of 0-5s with SEND.

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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