

Parent/Carer Information

The Family Fund is a charity that provides grants to families on low incomes who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person. These grants can help cover the cost of various items that may be essential or helpful for the child's well-being and development. Family Fund offers grants for a variety of needs, including family breaks, digital equipment, white goods, clothing, bedding, furniture, and play equipment.

[www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)

There are several grants available through Family Fund, and you can filter these by age to find the grants that are best suited for you to apply for.

[Which grant programmes are available? - Family Fund](https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/schemes/)

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**You can apply for a grant if:**

* You are the parent/carer of a child aged between 0 and 24
* You are the parent/carer of a child with a disability or serious illness
* The child is not in the care of the local authority or in foster care
* You have lived in the UK for the past six months
* You are on a low income or receiving benefits

Your child also needs high levels of support in at least three areas of our child and young person eligibility criteria.

It is essential that this is checked before the application is started.

**Child and young person eligibility**

To help make a decision on your grant application, the Family Fund will need information about your child’s disability. Please note that your child does not need to have had a formal diagnosis before submitting your application as they will base their decision on the additional support that is in place, not a diagnosis

It’s important you provide as much information as you can, about the support your child needs, or receives at home, for education and when out and about. Your application may be declined if Family Fund don’t have enough information.

**Your income**

Family Fund support families on a low income from working, or receive one of the following benefits:

* Universal Credit
* Child Tax Credit
* Working Tax Credit
* Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
* Income Related Employment Support Allowance
* Income Support
* Housing Benefit
* Pension Credit

You will need to send Family Fund a copy of your most recent benefit entitlement. This can be a letter or a screenshot, showing the name of your family’s main carer, and current address.

You can still apply if you don’t receive any benefits, you will just need to provide some extra information about your household income, or speak to someone to confirm your family income and situation. Unfortunately, Family fund will not usually be able to award a grant if you have a significant level of household income, savings or capital.

**Information:**

If your child needs a high level of support in at least three of the areas below, you may be eligible to apply to Family Fund:

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| A green block depicting a shower with the title 'personal care' | Personal care: your child needs a high level of physical support with  feeding, washing, toileting or moving and transferring. |
| A blue block depicting two people with the title 'access to social activities' | Access to social activities: your child needs a high level of support to  engage socially, and take part in, activities. |
| A pink square with a graduation cap  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Education: your child needs a high level of support with education and  learning. Please let Family Fund know who gives this assistance, and in  what ways. |
| A blue square with black outline of a couple of rectangular objects  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Communication: your child needs a high level of support listening,  speaking and understanding. |
| An orange square with a exclamation mark  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Supervision and vigilance: your child needs a high level of supervision  and measures to ensure their safety. |
| A purple square with white cross  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Medical or therapeutic treatment, or condition management: your child  needsa high level of support in the form of treatment or therapy. Please  let Family Fund know what therapy your child is given, who does this,  how often and when. |
| A yellow sign with a cartoon character on wheels  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Physical environment and specialist resources: your child needs a high  level of support with physical adaptations and adjustments. Please let  Family Fund know what specialist equipment or resources are used. |