

Team SCIL



News and Updates from the Social, Communication, Interaction & Learning (SCIL) Team

I hope that you've had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to the longer lighter days and sunshine the summer term should hopefully bring. Please find important information/updates to share.

Changes to Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF)

All local authorities are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to have an Inclusion Fund for 3 & 4 year olds with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who are taking their early years entitlements. Bradford Local Authority currently also offers EYIF to eligible 2 year olds but this is non-statutory.



The additional funding should be used to enhance provision to meet the needs of children with lower levels or emerging SEND.

From April 2024:

- Applications will continue to be made on an individual child basis but the form has been reduced and simplified.
- As part of the form, there is a 'how to' guide to support you when completing it.
- The eligibility criteria will remain the same with the funding aimed at children with emerging/low level SEND (as defined in the guidance).
- Bradford Schools Online and the Local Offer have been updated to reflect the above [Early Years Inclusion Funding | Bradford Schools Online](#)

We'd be grateful if the revised application form can be used for your next submission please. We also plan to pilot a new approach to EYIF considering cohorts in settings, level of need and provision required to allocate EYIF on a termly basis (rather than on an individual basis). Further details and expressions of interest to be involved to follow.

City of Bradford MDC
0-25 Specialist Teaching & Support Services
Margaret McMillan Tower (Floor 3)
Prince's Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN

World Autism Awareness Week

World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognised day taking place on 2 April every year. In the week of 1 – 7

April surrounding this day, we would like to encourage you to find out more about autism and explore ways to support neuro-diverse children and young people. The Autism Education Trust (AET) has collated some resources to share :

[World Autism Awareness Week | Autism Education Trust](#)

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