

Together we can achieve the best for every child,
young person and their family in Cumbria



Extended Services Access Fund

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For children aged 5-18

What is the purpose of the Access Fund?

This fund will enable children and young people to access activities after school and at the weekends. By accessing these activities we hope that a child's confidence and self-esteem will increase and that this will improve their attainment at school and future aspirations.

What sort of activities can we access with this fund?

You can apply for funding to pay for some or all of the charges associated with taking part in activities that are run outside of the school day. The list below gives you some examples.

Activities in the school holidays, evenings and weekends.

Examples include; horse riding, canoeing, cheerleading, golf, hockey, drum workshops, squash, trampolining, swimming, judo, school residential trips, music lessons (including at lunchtimes at school), dance lessons, chess club, orienteering and many more.

Residential events/trips through their school.

Cultural exchanges.

Transport and accessibility to clubs and activities.

Examples include taxi cost, bus pass, petrol costs, and train fares.

Resources and equipment to enable access to out of hours activities.

Examples include sports equipment, tennis racket, martial arts kit, trainers, running shoes and football boots.

Who can apply?

The Access fund will provide funding to children and young people aged 5-18 years who are in full-time education in a school/academy or schooled at home. The Access Fund grants up to £300 per child or young person, to enable them to access Extended Services activities and they are eligible if they live in households in Cumbria that receive:

- **Free School Meals.**
- **Income Support.**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.**
- **Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS) and asylum seekers in England in receipt of subsistence support, accommodation support or both.**
- **the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.**
- **low income below £16040.00 per year.**

or if the children and young people are:

- **Children looked after.**
- **Young carers.**
- **Travellers.**
- **Black & minority ethnic groups.**
- **Families that have experienced Drug/alcohol issues.**
- **Families that have experienced domestic violence issues.**
- **Children with an additional need.**
- **Rurally isolated children & young people.**
- **Teenage parents.**
- **Other groups where there maybe a financial barrier to accessing activities (please state on application form).**

The Access Fund is available until the 31st August 2011 and will be allocated to children and young people according to the eligibility criteria, the suitability of the activity that the funding has been requested for and on a first come first served basis. The application form must be signed and agreed by the child or young person's school.

How do we apply

Please contact Children and Families Information Service for an application form and further guidance.

Children and Families Information Service

Tel: 08457 125737

cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/cfis

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