# **Thames View Infants**



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## RE: Family Fund- Support for Families with Disabled Children (SFDC)

Funded by the Department for Education and managed by Family Fund, the <u>SFDC programme</u> provides a wide range of grant items to families in England raising a disabled or seriously ill child and living on a lowincome.





## Grants for families living in England

Through the Support for Families with Disabled Children programme you can apply for items that will help meet your child's additional support needs and make family life easier.

You can request a kitchen appliance like a fridge, cooker, or washing machine, clothing or bedding for your child, sensory or play equipment, technology items such as tablets and laptops, or even a much-needed family break.

### Eligibility

You can apply for an SFDC grant every 24 months. To be eligible, you must also be:

- The main carer for a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or younger
- Resident in England
- In receipt of benefits, or on a low working income

### Grants you can apply for:

- Family breaks
- Clothing
- Computers and tablets
- Days out
- Furniture and household



- Kitchen appliances
- Sensory toys
- Games, books and music
- Games console
- Outdoor play
- Specialist trikes / bikes
- Clubs, hobbies and activities

After you have submitted your application, you will receive confirmation that they have it. The team will then start to assess it to check that you are eligible and what grant could be awarded.

If they ask you for more information to support your application, please respond as soon as possible. Your application will be closed if they haven't heard from you or received the information they need within 30 days of the original request.

If you would like to apply please visit the <u>Family Fund website</u>. They can also support with things such as online courses, financial support workshops and budget planning.

If you require any support with this, please come in and see us.

Yours sincerely,

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