



Scottish Government Outdoor Winter Clothing Fund-Guidance notes

FAQ's

1. When is the closing date

A. Midday on January 29th - if you are finishing the application when midday strikes on the 29th then sadly the application will be lost so please get your application in before the closing date and time.

2. Can I put in two applications for the different groups I run

The application is for **each setting** and the ambition of this fund is to **reduce inequalities** for children accessing the outdoors as part their funded Early Learning & Childcare entitlement in local authority or Funded Partner settings.

Funded Partners must be in partnership and **actively** delivering the funded offer. Funded partners can be private, voluntary, or independent OR childminders, but must be in partnership with a Local Authority to deliver the funded ELC offer to children.

The funding supports children in these settings who, due to personal circumstance or inequalities, do not currently have access to the winter outdoor clothing they need. Without this fund, these children may not be able to engage fully in year round outdoor play and learning.

3. Can the clothes go home with the children?

The fund is for providers and does not specify how you would choose to manage the clothing for the children. We have found the best way to ensure the setting retains the clothing for use at your setting is to keep it in setting and not send it home, this will enable you to keep it clean, repair it when necessary and within any appropriate/current guidance enable it to be shared when necessary.

4. What is the funding timeline?

The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 29th January 2021. The intention is to notify successful candidates in February. However as we do not know currently how many applications we will be reviewing the timeline cannot as yet be precise. However we hope to ensure all successful applicants receive the funding in February.

5. Who is eligible?

All children who meet **the criteria** are eligible, Scottish Government want to ensure that all children who, **through personal circumstance and inequality**, who do have access to their own winter clothing can be considered. The information on deciles is to support data monitoring and



may possibly support in scoring the applications if significantly oversubscribed. Please READ the guidance before starting your application.

6. How do I know how to cost for items?

Most websites that supply clothing suitable for children provide costs per item so hopefully you will be able to assess what clothing you need, what offers best value for you and the number of pieces you may need.

7. I've been looking at the outdoors clothing fund and wonder if this is only for the 2, 3, and 4 years old funded placements children.

Please read the guidance for eligibility – you can find the **guidance** [here](#)

8. As a childminder I find it is mainly the school aged children that are arriving not probably dressed for the weather. Can I apply for funding for Primary school children in my care?

The Outdoor Clothing Fund is **only for children accessing the outdoors as part their funded Early Learning & Childcare entitlement in local authority or Funded Partner settings**. Please read the eligibility criteria and guidance notes found [here](#).

9. I currently work in an ELC setting and we are looking to apply for the Scottish Government Outdoor Clothing Grant. I was wondering if you could possibly advise of when the money would have to be used by if we were to be successful?

As this fund is part of the financial year spend for 20/21 , the funding would need to be spent by March 31st 2021.