

Special Educational Needs Inclusion Funding (SENIF) Application Guidance

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General Portal Information

Applications for SENIF are now made through a tailored referral portal.

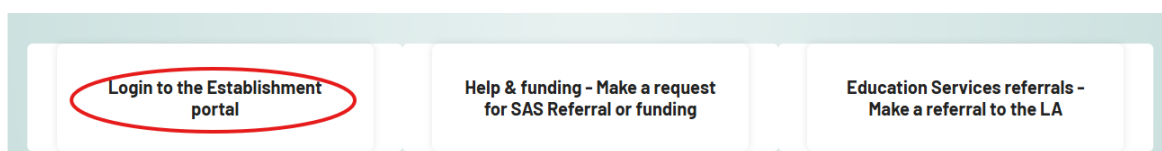
The application portal can be accessed at this web address:

<https://educationestablishmentportal-ext-hil-prd.syhapp.com> This link will take you to the establishment portal homepage. Click the 'Login to the Establishment Portal' button:



[Home](#) > [Stronger Families](#) > [Forms Home](#) >

Welcome to the Establishment portal



This will take you to the establishment login page. After you have logged in, you will be taken to the Forms page. Click the 'SEND Advisory Service Referral and Funding' option in the green header bar:

To make an application for SENIF, scroll down to the 'Funding Applications' section.

If you are applying for SENIF for an individual child press 'Apply for an Individual SENIF Funding'.

- Supports schools where pupil needs exceed what can be met through the SEND Notional Budget.
- Provides short-term, targeted funding to help close attainment gaps.
- Is intended for pupils requiring support beyond standard SEND provision.
- Further guidance is available in the SEND Funding in Mainstream Schools document and Early Support Funding Guidance.

[Apply for Early Support Funding](#)

Special Educational Needs Inclusion Funding

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- Enable inclusive practice and meet individual needs within early years settings.
- Offer flexible use of funding, which may include:
 - Staff training
 - Specialist resources
 - Additional staffing support

[Apply for an Individual SENIF Funding](#)

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**Help & funding - Make a request
for SAS Referral or funding**

**Education Services referrals -
Make a referral to the LA**

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[Apply for a Group SENIF Application](#)

Individual SENIF Applications

After you have clicked press 'Apply for an Individual SENIF Funding', you will be taken to the Portal SENIF Application page.

Work through the form, completing your details (the Applicant) and the child's details.

When asked to provide 'Starting Point Scores' for each area of need, input the score the child achieves for each area of the Department for Education Early Years SEND Assessment. The assessment tools can be accessed [here](#). In the comments section, you will need to describe why the child has been given the score they were.

Area of Need	Starting Point Score (Out of a maximum of 72) Only enter numerical digits	Comments to support score
a. Communication & Interaction	44	X is not yet able to follow instructions when these are communicated with visuals or objects of reference but they
b. Cognition & Learning	43	
c. Social & Emotional	25	
d. Sensory & Physical	58	

Full screen

When asked to select the descriptor that best describes the child, make reference to pages 11-31 of the [SENIF Guidance](#). Select the 'best fit' descriptor for the child. Then, press the 'Submit Form' button.

After you have submitted a referral, this is assessed by the SENIF Panel and the decision is made whether SENIF will be awarded.

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[Apply for a Group SENIF Application](#)

This will take you to a Microsoft Form on a separate browser tab. Work through the Microsoft Form, completing your setting details and your details.

When asked, list the children's names below and 'add in total Starting Point Score for each child'. This is calculated by adding together the [Department for Education Early Years SEND Assessment](#) scores for each area of need to produce a score out of 288.

3. Name of person completing form * 

A. Teacher

4. Please list children's names below and add in total **Starting Point Score** for each child: * 

Child A - 183
Child B - 174
Child C - 204

When you have completed the form, please press the 'Submit' button. After you have submitted a referral, this is assessed by the SENIF Panel and the decision is made whether SENIF will be awarded.

7. Have any of the children listed already been part of a previous group funding application?

* 

☐ Yes

☒ No

[Submit](#)

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