



# Scottish Government Outdoor Clothing Fund-Guidance notes

## Guidance

The ambition of this fund is to reduce inequalities for children accessing the outdoors as part of 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 outdoor clothing they need. Without this fund, these children may not be able to engage fully in year round outdoor play and learning.

As a practitioner, you know the needs of your children best. The following questions should therefore be answered with the needs of this specific child/child group in mind.

Requests for funding should be proportionate to the number of children, and the severity of their need. **The fund is limited to £1,000 per setting, please DO NOT request in this form any more than this limit as it will invalidate your application**

You are completing the application on behalf of your setting and should therefore use the address, contact details and local authority of your setting. In the case of childminders, these address details will of course be similar.

The following offers guidance on the questions enclosed in the application.

Application Form Guidance

### Section 1

1. The legal name of your organisation, or if a sole trader/childminder your name
2. The formal address of the setting for which you are applying to the fund for.
3. Please confirm what your legal status is – check only one box.
4. This number will be found on your Care Inspectorate registration document.
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## Section 2

6. Please complete the details of the main correspondent for this application – this maybe you or a line manager, whoever is best placed to respond to any questions and report, if successful, on the funding award.

## Section 3

This fund is to support children accessing their early learning and childcare entitlement who do not currently have access to the outdoor clothing they need. Without this fund, these children may not be able to engage fully in year round outdoor play and learning.

7. Please check only one box that reflects the situation at your setting.
8. This is the **total number of individual children** who attend your setting.
9. Please only insert a **number** for those children who truly need support due to inequality, those who would benefit from having access to appropriate outdoor clothing to enable them to play outside every day.
10. Please insert the decile information against the post code of your registered setting  
If you do not have this to hand, please use <https://simd.scot/#/simd2020/BTTTTFTT/9/-4.0000/55.9000/> .
11. For the children who attend your nursery can you review the locations they live in to provide the following information.  
If you do not have this to hand, please use <https://simd.scot/#/simd2020/BTTTTFTT/9/-4.0000/55.9000/> .  
It is a numeric answer only.
12. This is a compliance question, and you may be required to provide this evidence as part of the funding application or monitoring stages.
13. 100 word limit open text box question
14. There are many outcomes that could be achieved through this funding support, however from the list shown on the form please pick the **THREE** you feel are MOST likely to occur for your setting via this funding support.
15. Please complete in this table the TOTAL figures for the clothing you would like to source for the children in your setting. The maximum total request is £1000.  
For example: You require a TOTAL of 6 jackets and their TOTAL Cost is £60



**Definitions:**

- **Jacket:** self-explanatory
- **Trousers:** waterproof over trousers or dungarees to keep children dry in wet/wintry/windy conditions.
- **All in Ones:** for example puddle suits
- **Hats:** we would anticipate these being warm/fleecy/cosy hats to keep the children warm, this is not for baseball caps.
- **Gloves:** Gloves/mittens to help keep children's hands warmer when playing outside.
- **Base Layers** Those additional layers that might be required to support keeping a child warm – for example fleece layers.

If you need some advice here please review our Practitioners tips on clothing:

<https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Practitioner-Tips-What-to-Wear-for-Children.pdf>

16. Total Funding – the form will auto collate the figures based on your answers to the previous question – if it does not auto collate you have entered a letter rather than a number in the box in the previous question. Again – please remember the maximum total request should be no more than £1,000.
17. Bank Details and Statement upload – we need your bank details to provide payment if you are successful. However, for verification and financial fraud checks we will use these statements to cross reference you have inserted the information correctly.