
Early Years Inclusion Programme – Q&A

What is the Early Years Inclusion Programme?

It is a programme of training designed to empower early years practitioners to deliver inclusive practices by upskilling them through training and shared information/learning resources. It is expected that the training will increase learners' awareness of the needs of all children, especially those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their confidence in supporting the learning and well-being of all children in their setting.

How long is the programme running for?

The programme is currently running through until June 2026.

Who is the course for?

It is for anyone who works in or with early years across our participating local authorities.

Do you have to work directly with children to go through the programme?

No, but the course is designed with practitioners in mind, so those working directly with children will get the most benefit from the programme.

Can parents take the course?

Yes, they can, should they wish to do so, but the course is designed with practitioners in mind, so those working directly with children will get the most benefit from the programme.

Can everyone in a setting go through the programme?

Yes – We encourage as many people in the setting as possible to go through the training because that is the best way to make and embed change. And the more people that go through the training in your setting, the greater the chance of your setting achieving the Dingley's Promise Master level kitemark as an Inclusion Friendly Setting,

Does everyone need to register individually or can one person from each setting register?

Anyone who wishes to undertake the training should register individually. This helps us identify how many people from your setting have been through the training when you apply for your Dingley's Promise kitemark as and Inclusion Friendly Setting.

How much will the programme cost?

The programme is fully funded by Comic Relief for participating local authorities, so it is completely free of charge to you so long as you are located within one of those participating local authorities.

I am not sure if my local authority is participating, how do I find out?

Please contact us at training@dingley.org.uk and we will happily let you know.

How many courses are there?

There are ten courses in total. Two courses will be released on the 28th of February 2022 and the remaining courses will be released at a rate of two courses a year.

Do I need to complete every course?

To get the best out of the programme and to receive the final programme completion certificate, we recommend that you complete every course, but it is not a requirement.

How do I register?

You can register by completing our short registration form here: [Early Years Inclusion Programme - Dingley's Promise](#). Once registered, Dingley's Promise will contact you within five working days to get you set up in our Learning Management System and started on the programme.

When must I register by?

You can register at any point across the time that the programme is running for, but the sooner you get started, the more time you will have to work through the training programme.

Do you have to use a work email address?

No – You can use an email address of your choice.

On the registration form, when it asks how many children I support, is that just children with SEND?

Yes – We would like to know how many children with SEND that you currently support so that we can make a comparison with the number of children with SEND that you think you will be able to support after the training. You will be asked that question in the feedback survey you complete after the training.

If I sign up, but leave my role before I finish the programme, can I still complete the programme?

Yes – Absolutely, so long as you continue to work in a role that would benefit from the training.

How do I access the courses?

You will access our courses through our Learning Management System. Access will be granted within **five** working days after you have completed our registration form on our website.

How long do I have to complete them?

We haven't put in place a formal deadline, but we do encourage you to work through them within three months because it gives you a better chance of being able to retain and apply the knowledge in the workplace, thereby helping to bring about timely change in your setting.

Is the course accredited?

No – This course is not accredited.

Is the course assessed?

No - The learning is about trying new things and we will ask you to tell us what you are doing differently because of the learning, and the impact that it has had on you rather than assess you formally through tests.

What happens when I complete the course and/or the programme?

You will receive a certificate of completion on completion of each course and a final certificate of completion on completion of the whole programme. Completion of the courses count towards achieving a Dingley's Promise kitemark as an Inclusion Friendly Setting.

Tell me more about the **kitemark.**

Dingley's Promise has developed their own kitemark to be awarded to settings as part of this programme so long as they meet the eligibility criteria. There will be three levels of kitemark which will help your setting be recognised as an Inclusion Friendly Setting, **Ally, Leader and Master**. More detail will be made available through your local authority once the programme is underway.

What other courses or programmes do you have?

We have several other courses, including a Level 3 accredited course. You can find out more about them here: [Dingley's Promise Training - Dingley's Promise](#).