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## 2018 PLAY-BASED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FUNDING MEMO

Play-based material and equipment funding is intended to help operators create enriching environments both indoors and outdoors with open ended materials that promote children’s learning and development through exploration, play and inquiry consistent with the four foundations of How Does Learning Happen, Ontario’s Pedagogy for the Early Years.

This funding can be used to purchase non-consumable supplies and equipment, including tablets, computers, printers, or digital cameras, that will support access for children to quality materials and quality environments.

Licensed child care operators can apply for a funding allocation of **\$3,500.00** per licensed child care site or home child care agency.

### FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- Operators must hold a Child Care Services Agreement with The Regional Municipality of York
- Operators must hold a clear license from the Ministry of Education

### FUNDING REQUESTS

Approvals will be based on a first come first serve basis as funding is limited. Funding approvals will be prioritized for not-for-profit operators and those that can demonstrate the funding will be used to support children’s active exploration and learning through play.

Operators approved for Play Based Materials and Equipment Funding must ensure that all non-consumable supplies and/or equipment are purchased between **January 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018**.

All funding requests must be submitted on the 2018 Play-Based Materials and Equipment Funding Application Form.

**Completed applications are to be submitted no later than June 30, 2018 to [specialpurpose@york.ca](mailto:specialpurpose@york.ca)**

### PAYMENT PROCESS

All child care operators approved for funding must submit:

- Receipts from items purchased
- Schedule J Funding Reconciliation and Payment Request

Receipts must have eligible items only. Receipts that include non-eligible items will not be accepted for reimbursement (eg. food, personal items, consumable items – paint, glue, etc.).

All receipts must be received by York Region no later than September 30, 2018 for toys and equipment received at the child care site by **September 30, 2018**. No extensions will be provided. Back ordered items will not be eligible for reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please contact **Candice Trotter** by phone **1-877-464-9675 ext. 72174** or email **[candice.trotter@york.ca](mailto:candice.trotter@york.ca)**



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