



## COVID-19 Young Futures Fund

### Eligibility criteria

If you wish to apply for financial support through the COVID-19 Young Futures Fund please read the following guidance carefully. If you have any questions about an application, please call our Meningitis Now Helpline on 0808 80 10 388 or email [helpline@meningitisnow.org](mailto:helpline@meningitisnow.org). We will consider any application that relates to the **education, learning and development needs** of a child or young person who has been affected by meningitis, and whose needs have been further/ additionally impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

#### Criteria

We can only accept applications if the following criteria has been met:

- The child or young person is between 0-25 years of age.
- The child or young person has had meningitis (meningitis and/or meningococcal septicaemia) themselves or has an immediate\* family member who has had a disease experience (this includes those who have lost siblings or family members).
- The child or young person must be living in the UK.
- If the beneficiary is under 18, the application must be completed on behalf of the individual by a parent / carer.
- Written confirmation of the diagnosis or death certificate must be included with the application form, if not held on file by Meningitis Now.
- You have provided a recent quotation for the item/equipment/service that you require, which must relate to supporting the ongoing education, learning or development needs of the child or young person.

*\*Immediate family member includes parents, step-parents, siblings, partners, grandparents*

**Note:** No additional supporting evidence is required.  
No means testing required.

#### What we will fund

Items/equipment and services that support the education, learning and development of children and young people. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Tablets, computers and laptops
- Desks/chairs/workstations
- Outdoor play and leisure equipment
- Gym equipment
- Sensory toys and equipment
- Games consoles, games and books, puzzles
- Online courses, training, tuition
- Baking equipment
- Arts & crafts

## What we will NOT fund

Meningitis Now is not able to provide funding for the following items\*:

- Reimbursement for Items previously purchased
- Specialist items/equipment that require an assessment by a health/education professional e.g. hearing aids
- Mobile phones
- Clothing, bedding and household furniture
- Medical or therapeutic treatment
- Purchase of animals and pets
- Payments in cash
- Hot tubs/spas/swimming pools
- Items where a statutory agency (local authority/health service) should, or has, assessed a need and has a responsibility to provide the item

*\*This is not an exhaustive list, and decisions will be made at the discretion of the panel.*

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