Orli in your inclusion strategy



Schools receiving the inclusive mainstream fund must publish an inclusion strategy statement on their website by 31 December 2026. Here's a plain way to include Orli, if it's part of your plan.

What the statement needs

Who
Every mainstream school that gets the fund, including academies and free schools. Each academy in a trust publishes its own.

When
By 31 December 2026, then an updated statement every year.

What goes in it
Your cohort's barriers to learning and participation, the activities you're investing in with budgeted costs, intended outcomes and, from year two, a review.

Who looks at it
Families, governors and trustees. Ofsted inspectors can consider it when they evaluate inclusion, and the DfE reviews a sample.

Where Orli can sit

Anything the fund pays for must sit under at least one of the DfE's 7 principles of inclusion. Orli fits best under principle 5.

- ✓ **5. A safe and respectful culture fostering belonging, attendance, and participation in learning.** A short, shared routine for settling the room, and a common language for feelings.

Orli isn't therapy or a diagnosis, and it doesn't replace your SENCO, DSL or specialist services. Its own evidence is early: whether it adds up to better learning over time is what we're investigating with schools.

Copy and adapt

Each part fits a section of the DfE's template. Change anything in square brackets.

Whole class Universal

What we'll do
A short, shared routine to help children settle and regulate in [classes], [three] times a week [after lunch]: Orli Bites of about five minutes, such as Breathe with Orla, and story Adventures on the class board. Barrier [number]. Evidence: [your sources].

Who it's for
Universal: every child in [classes].

How we'll know
[Children can name how they feel and choose one thing that helps.] Success criteria: [the routine runs three times a week by February half term]; [classes settle more quickly after lunch, reviewed each half term].

Small group or 1:1 Targeted

What we'll do
Weekly Orli sessions for [number] children who find it hard to manage how they feel, in a small group or 1:1. Each child makes their own Orli; staff use Bites and Adventures with the facilitator guide. Barrier [number]. Evidence: [your sources].

Who it's for
Targeted: [number] children in [year groups], chosen from what staff see, without waiting for a diagnosis.

How we'll know
[Children use one thing that helps, with less adult support.] Success criteria: [X of Y sessions run by Easter]; [staff note strategies children use alone].

Budgeted cost: [£ from the fund] + [£ from core budget]. One Orli licence covers the whole school: ask us for a quote. Whether the fund pays for an activity is your decision; the conditions of grant rule out subsidising activity you already fund.

Sources (GOV.UK, Department for Education): Inclusive mainstream fund for schools: conditions of grant 2026 to 2027; Developing an inclusion strategy using the inclusive mainstream fund; Inclusion strategy template. Checked 19 October 2026. A summary, not official guidance: if anything here differs from GOV.UK, GOV.UK is right.

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