

## BIG Award Frequently Asked Questions



- Q) Who can apply for membership?
- A) Any organisation/establishment which is regularly attended by children and young people i.e. schools, children's homes, youth clubs, after school facilities, childminders etc.
- Q) How do I apply?
- A) You can apply using our registration form on our website, and can pay either by cheque, credit card or BACS. All details are on our website.
- Q) How much time do I have to meet the required criteria and apply for the BIG award?
- A) As much time as you require. You can start to complete your portfolio of evidence at any time, and save it each time you add to it, then submit it when you feel you are at the required standard and are meeting all of the BIG Award criteria.
- Q) Will our membership become active as soon as we complete the registration form?
- A) Membership will be complete as soon as payment is received, so if you pay by credit card your membership will automatically be activated. If you pay by other methods, your membership will be activated as soon as payment is received by BIG. You will then be able to access all areas of the BIG website, with useful resources, policies, news items, training materials, assemblies, lesson plans, research information, and contact details for further resources and advice.
- Q) How long will membership last?
- A) Membership is for one year from the date you apply, you will receive a reminder to re-apply when your membership is due for renewal.
- Q) How much does membership cost?
- A) Fees vary according to the size of the school, college, service or organisation, please see our list of fees on our website.

## **FAQs for Local Authorities**

Q) Can Local Authorities join?

A) Yes. There are different criteria to assess the policy and strategy of a local authority.

Q) If our schools join, does this take away the need for our service?

A) No, will increase the demand for your training and support to help schools improve practice in order to get the award. However if your service is diminishing, we will help to provide support and training to your schools.

Q) If we join as an LA can we download the resources and give them to our schools?

A) No, the resources for schools are for school members only.