

Short Breaks Newsletter



February 2023

Happy New Year, and welcome to our first Short Breaks Newsletter! We will be releasing a new edition each month highlighting any hot topics, updates from us to parents and carers within Telford, and dates for your diaries for the current and next month. This should give you plenty of time to find out more online and book a place, if required.

There are LOTS of activities and events being held in the community within Telford for children and young people with disabilities to get involved in that you may not yet be aware of. Hopefully, this newsletter will change that!

Commissioned Targeted Activities

These activities are specifically designed for children and young people with disabilities, funded by the local authority. A registration and membership scheme is in place for targeted activities to ensure these are used by children and young people that are not able to access universal/universal plus services.

- Sports & Leisure—Saturday AM & PM, £4 each
- Arts & Crafts—Saturday AM & PM, £6 each
- Club 17—Tues & Thurs PM

To register or find out more, please call 01952381317 or email YPS@telford.gov.uk.

Working Together at Our Forum

The Short Breaks Forum provides an opportunity for local families to meet with Telford and Wrekin Council representatives to discuss and exchange views, information and options to meet the social care needs of children with disabilities.

The next meeting is on 15th March, 6-8pm at PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU. You are more than welcome to come along and have a cuppa.

Join our Children with Disabilities Register

The Children Act 1989 required all local authorities to establish a register of children with a disability in their area. This is used to assist service planning to meet the needs of children with disabilities and their families. It is optional and confidential. The information will only be shared with workers from social care, education and health. To find out more or to request a registration form or information pack, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk.

Local Offer
for Special Educational Needs and Disability

Discover everything you need to know about education, health and care services in your local area for children and young people with SEND 0-25yrs at www.telfordsend.org.uk



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An Update on our Local Short Breaks Services

Telford and Wrekin Council intend to commission a high quality and reliable range of Short Breaks services that meet the needs of disabled children and young people and their families, promoting children's independence and preparation for adulthood. The Local Authority acknowledges the pressures faced by families regarding the lack of care and support options in Telford & Wrekin. This is unfortunately a widespread issue within several sectors at the present time, including health and social care. We are continuously and actively working with providers to promote our requirements and develop services that meets local need. This includes:

- Securing local overnight respite
- Increasing the number of community based providers
- Commissioning a new specialist playscheme
- Commissioning a new Short Breaks Arts club
- Promoting the community activities, clubs and services available in Telford and Wrekin



Contact Us

If you have any queries about anything on the newsletter or any activities or events you would like to be added to the newsletter calendar to spread the word and increase attendance, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk.

You can view all parts of our SEND Local Offer, including a copy of our SEND Activities booklet on our website: www.telfordsend.org.uk.

Activities Locations and Booking Information

Below is a list of some of the local things to do for families and young people to get involved in. Follow the link to find out more.

PODS Charity—To book any PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS. For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org

Funky Friday Inclusive Disco—£4 each. The Navy Club, Bellman's Yard. Newport, TF10 7AJ.

Ice Skating—International way, Telford, TF3 4JQ. Pay standard ice skating price upon arrival.

Family Swim—Abraham Darby Leisure Centre, Madeley, TF7 5HX.

Skiing and Tubing—Ski Centre, Court Road, Madeley, TF7 5EE.

SEND Swimming—To book swimming sessions, call the leisure centre directly.

Airea 51 SEN Session—Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ. To nook, visit the Airea 51 website.

Special Yoga—104-106 Southgate, Telford, TF7 4HG. To book, email wolfyoga22@gmail.com or call 07455078527.

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What's on February 2023

		Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	Saturday 4th	Sunday 5th
		PODS Lego Club 4-5pm	SNAC Activities 10.30-1.30pm	Ice Rink Session 10-12pm	SEND Swimming Wellington 11-11:30am	SEND Swimming Abraham Darby 10-10:30am
Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th	Saturday 11th	Sunday 12th
PODS Preschool Sensory Session 10-11:30am	PODS Minecraft Club 4-5pm	PODS Lego Club 4-5pm	PODS Befriending Family Group 10-12pm	Ice Rink Session 10-12pm	SEND Swimming Wellington 11-11:30am	SEND Swimming Abraham Darby 10-10:30am
Soft Play at the Ice Rink Junior 4-5.30pm Senior 6-8pm	Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	SNAC Activities 10.30-1.30pm		PODS Games Session 11-12pm	
SEND Swimming Oakengates 6-6:30pm			PODS Games Session 4-5pm			
Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th	Saturday 18th	Sunday 19th
Soft Play at the Ice Rink Junior 4-5.30pm Senior 6-8pm	PODS Minecraft Club 4-5pm	PODS Lego Club 4-5pm	SNAC Activities 10.30-1.30pm	Funky Friday Inclu- sive Disco 15+ 7pm	SEND Swimming Wellington 11-11:30am	SEND Swimming Abraham Darby 10-10:30am
SEND Swimming Oakengates 6-6:30pm	PODS Challenge at Home Support 9:30-11:30am	Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	PODS Painting and Creative Session 4-5pm	Ice Rink Session 10-12pm	PODS Painting and Creative Session 4-5pm	
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Soft Play at the Ice Rink Junior 4-5.30pm Senior 6-8pm	PODS Minecraft Club 4-5pm	PODS Lego Club 4-5pm	PODS Blists Hill Family Group 10-12pm	Ice Rink Session 10-12pm	SEND Swimming Wellington 11-11:30am	SEND Swimming Abraham Darby 10-10:30am
SEND Swimming Oakengates 6-6:30pm	Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	SNAC Activities 10.30-1.30pm			
	PODS Forest School 10:30-1:30pm		Special Yoga 11-12pm			
Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th					
Soft Play at the Ice Rink Junior 4-5.30pm Senior 6-8pm	PODS Minecraft Club 4-5pm					
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What's on March 2023

		Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	Saturday 4th	Sunday 5th
		PODS Lego Club 4-5pm Special Yoga 5-6pm	SNAC Activities 10.30-1.30pm	Ice Rink Session 10-12pm	SEND Swimming Wellington 11-11:30am	SEND Swimming Abraham Darby 10-10:30am
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