

Short Breaks Newsletter



April 2023

Spring is right around the corner and the days are getting longer! There are lots of exciting activities going on over the Easter holidays, detailed on this newsletter and on our social media pages. If you are celebrating, Happy Easter, and if not, enjoy your long bank holiday weekend!



Working Together at our Short Breaks Forum

The most recent Short Breaks Forum was held on 15th March. The forum gives us a great opportunity to discuss and exchange views, information and options to meet the social care needs of children with disabilities. The agenda contained the following:

- We Are Listening—a chance for parents to share their experiences with staff from the Children with Disabilities Team
- Children With Disabilities Team Update—the team shared their Short Breaks Statement, Short Breaks Newsletter and Children with Disabilities Register
- iCan2 Branding—parents were asked whether they would prefer for iCan2 to be relaunched or changed. Following discussions, the group agreed to relaunch iCan2 as it is widely recognised.
- My Options Update—update on iCan2 providers and positive increase in recruitment
- Commissioning Update—update on overnight respite, specialist playschemes, youth clubs, arts club and community based activities

The notes can be viewed in full on our Local Offer website, linked on the back page of this newsletter. The next meeting is on 19th June 2023 1-3pm at PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU. You are more than welcome to come along.

SEND OFSTED Inspection

On 7th March we received notification that OFSTED and Care Quality Commission would be visiting our area to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities between 16th–24th March. This joint inspection considered education and care council services, schools, early years providers, post 16 settings and health providers.

Thank you to everyone that took part in the inspection. The publication of the outcome from OFSTED and CQC is expected towards the end of May.

Short Breaks Statement

In March 2023, we published our new Short Breaks Statement. It is designed to show how we meet the social care needs of Children and Young People with disabilities in Telford and Wrekin. It shows the levels of support available, who it is available to and how to access it. It explains:

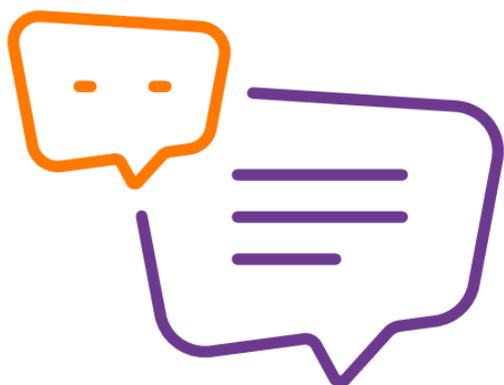
- What Short Breaks are for children and young people with disabilities
- Who can have a Short Break
- What sort of breaks are available
- How to access a Short Break.

You can view the statement on our Local Offer Website, linked on the back of this newsletter, or by emailing shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk.

Remember...

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. To find out more or to request a registration form or information pack, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk.



The Importance of Annual Health Checks

It is important that everyone over the age of 14 who is on their GP's learning disability register has an annual health check. Your child and young person does not have to be ill to have a health check – in fact, most people have their annual health check when they are feeling well! If you would like to book an annual health check for your child, please call your GP's surgery and they will get you booked in.

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:

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 book, visit the Airea 51 website.

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

Youth Club 20201—104-106 Southgate, Telford, TF7 4HG. To book, call 01952898052.

Pirates and Princesses—Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, TF7 4PF. To book, call 01952582382.

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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What's on April 2023

					Saturday 1st	Sunday 2nd
					PODS Telford Town Park and Football 11-12pm	SEND Swimming Session Abraham Darby 12:15-1:30pm Pirates and Princesses SEN Sessions 9-10.30am
Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday 7th	Saturday 8th	Sunday 9th
Soft Play at the Ice Rink Junior 4-5.30pm Senior 6-8pm	SNAC Dance Session 11-12pm Pirates and Princesses SEN Sessions 4-6pm Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	SNAC Bouncy Castle and Sensory 10.30-1.30pm Special Yoga 11-12pm Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	SNAC Animal Man 10.30-1.30pm Youth Club 2021 15-18 years 5-7pm	Ice Rink Session 10-12pm		SEND Swimming Session Abraham Darby 12:15-1:30pm Pirates and Princesses SEN Sessions 9-10.30am
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PODS Kings Coronation Afternoon Tea 1-4pm Soft Play at the Ice Rink Junior 4-5.30pm Senior 6-8pm	PODS Minecraft Club 4-5pm Pirates and Princesses SEN Sessions 4-6pm Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	PODS Lego Club 4-5pm Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	PODS Games Session 4-5pm SNAC Activities 10.30-1.30pm Youth Club 2021 15-18 years 5-7pm	Ice Rink Session 10-12pm		SEND Swimming Session Abraham Darby 12:15-1:30pm Pirates and Princesses SEN Sessions 9-10.30am
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