

# Short Breaks Newsletter

News, Updates and Activities for Children with Disabilities and their Families in Telford



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## Nimbus Access Card

It has come to our attention that several of our local attractions will now only accept the Nimbus card as proof of disability or the need for a free companion ticket, rather than PIP/DLA award letters.

The physical card acts as a photo ID that can be used to easily communicate your access requirements to events and venues, so that the venues can provide accessibility to the needs of their visitors.

It also works online with other platforms like ticketing systems, to unlock the access facilities you need.

The card shows a photo ID and translates a persons disability or impairment into symbols, effectively highlighting the barriers they face and the reasonable adjustments they might need.

The Access Card app provides you with a personalised directory of venues, with first-class accessibility information to help you plan your trips.

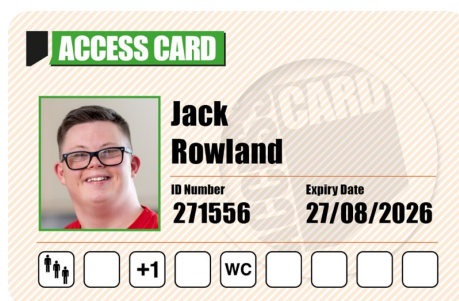
The Access Card is just £15 and lasts for 3 years.

For children, and young children, the +1 can only be considered where the needs are outside of the range of what can be expected of parental responsibility – even if this means that your child needs more support or supervision than another child of similar age.

The decision to add +1 is not based on care needs, but on the disadvantage imposed by charging additional fees for a carer to attend. At events where you would be attending with your child as part of the family group, you will be charged as a fee-paying parent just like all other family groups enjoying an event. The +1 can only be considered where the support you require results in the cost of a carer ticket being an unreasonable barrier to your being able to attend. This is not a buy one get one free scheme but a reasonable adjustment to enable you to attend an event you otherwise would not be able to.

You can view details of all attractions accepting the Nimbus card in the directory at: [www.accesscard.online/find-a-provider](http://www.accesscard.online/find-a-provider)

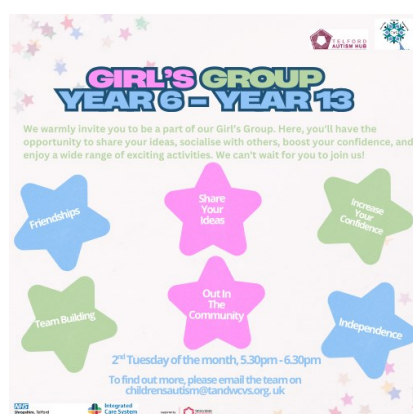
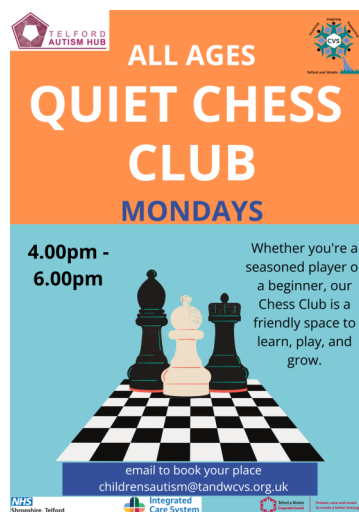
When applying, be prepared to submit official documentation regarding your child's disability. This ensures that your card accurately represents your child's specific needs, and protects the availability of accessible features from misuse. If you would like to apply for a Nimbus card, you can do so online at: [www.accesscard.online/apply-or-renew](http://www.accesscard.online/apply-or-renew)



# Children Autism Hub—NEW Activities

Whether your child has received a diagnosis or they are on the pathway to an Autism assessment and you are looking for information to help your child flourish, the Children's Autism Hub team are there to offer you guidance and support. The Children's Autism Hub is open to all children and their families, who have a diagnosis of Autism, or are waiting for diagnosis, and are a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

As well as providing advice and support, the Children's Autism Hub hold activities and support groups for children and parents. Find out more by visiting [www.telfordautismhub.org.uk](http://www.telfordautismhub.org.uk) or calling 01952 916109.



## SEND Local Offer Updates

The SEND Local Offer is currently being reviewed and developed in collaboration with the SEND Team, the Working Together for Parent Participation group (WTPP) and other relevant professionals. This effort is focused on ensuring the information provided is accurate, comprehensive, and reflects the current needs of our local community. Based on recent feedback, the Parent Carer Zone has been updated to include exciting new features and essential details.

The Parent Carer Zone offers an overview of support services available to families with children or young people who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Telford and Wrekin. You'll find helpful guidance on local services, including who they are, what they offer, and how to access them. Visit the updated page to learn more about services such as PODS, SENDIASS, Telford Autism Hub and much more: [www.telfordsend.org.uk/homepage/22/working-together-parent-zone](http://www.telfordsend.org.uk/homepage/22/working-together-parent-zone)

You can provide your feedback on the Local Offer at: [www.telfordsend.org.uk/feedbacks](http://www.telfordsend.org.uk/feedbacks)

Date and Time	Activity	Location	Details
Monday			
Every Week—10-11.30am	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session		
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Stop Motion		
Every Week—4-5.30pm	Soft Play for Juniors	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play">https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play</a>
Every Week—6-8pm	Soft Play for Seniors		
Every Week—4.30-6.30pm	iCan2 Youth Club	Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill	To book, visit <a href="http://www.4all.foundation">www.4all.foundation</a>
Every Week—4.30-6.30pm	iCan2 Creative Arts	Admaston House Community Centre	
Tuesday			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Minecraft		
Every Week—4-6pm	Pirates and Princesses Soft Play SEND Session	Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, Telford TF7 4PF	To book, call 01952582382
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561">https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	Challenging Perceptions Youth Wellbeing Group	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
Every Week—3.30-4.30pm	4 All Boxing	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.
Wednesday			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Lego		
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561">https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	4 All Dodgeball	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.
Every Week—4.30-6.30pm	iCan2 Creative Arts	Admaston House Community Centre	To book, visit <a href="http://www.4all.foundation">www.4all.foundation</a>

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Thursday			
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Activity Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10.30-1.30pm	Special Needs Activity Centre	7 Downemead, Hollinswood, Telford, TF3 2EW	For more information, please visit SNAC on Facebook.
Friday			
Every Week—1-2pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10-12pm	Ice Rink SEND Session	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play">https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play</a>
Every Week—5-6pm	Ice Rink SEND Session		
Third Friday of Month —7pm	Funky Friday Inclusive Disco 15+	The Navy Club, Bellman’s Yard. Newport, TF10 7AJ	Entry is by pre-booked ticket only. See Facebook page Funky Friday Inclusive Disco for booking details.
Every Week—10-11am	Challenging Perceptions Under 5’s Parents and Toddlers	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
Every Week—4.30-6.30pm	iCan2 Youth Club	Arleston Community Centre	To book, visit <a href="http://www.4all.foundation">www.4all.foundation</a>
Every Week—4.30-6.30pm	iCan2 Creative Arts	Admaston House Community Centre	
Saturday			
Every Week—2.30-3pm	Chance to Dance SEND Session	Randlay Avenue, Telford, TF3 2LH	To book, call 07792300692.
Every Week—10-11am	PODS Activity Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Sunday			
Every Week—12.15-1.30pm	SEND Swimming	Abraham Darby Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Rd, Telford, TF7 5HX	To view full timetable, visit <a href="https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming">https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming</a>
Every Week—5-6pm	Wrekin SEND Swimming Club	Wellington Leisure Centre, Tan Bank, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LX	For more information, search Wrekin Special Swimming Club on Facebook or call 07530465472.
Every Week—10-1pm	iCan2 Sports & Leisure	Southall School, Telford	To book, visit <a href="http://www.geniustuition.co.uk">www.geniustuition.co.uk</a>