



SHORT

BREAKS

Summer Holidays 2024

(23 July - 16 August)

Expressions of Interest

Booklet

Important An up-to-date short breaks passport (reviewed and updated within the last 12 months) is required to access the service, to ensure we have the right information for the planning of activities and support for our children and young people. We are unable to allocate places for children and young people at the short breaks holiday schemes without a passport.

Deadline for Expressions of Interests: **12 noon on Friday 7 June 2024**

About Short Breaks in Walsall

Walsall Council is pleased to announce the programmes of Short Breaks taking place in the summer school holiday, Tuesday 23 July – Friday 16 August 2024.

Short Breaks can benefit the whole family. They provide opportunities for children and young people with a disability to spend time away from their families, relax, develop new friendships, take part in new experiences, and have fun doing positive activities. They also give families a break from their caring responsibilities, a chance to rest or spend time with their other children.

We recognise that all families are different and will need different levels of support and different types of Short Breaks; therefore, we ensure that there is a wide range of Short Breaks to meet those needs.

Short breaks are part of the support for an 'Ordinary Life' as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014. We want young people to be healthy, safe, achieve, make a positive contribution, have supportive friends and families and benefit from economic well being.

Eligibility

To access targeted School Holiday activities, children and young people should:






- be aged from 8 to 17 years old (up to their 18th birthday)
- live in Walsall.
- have a diagnosed disability.
- be in receipt of disability living allowance (DLA)

Please note: **An up-to-date short breaks passport** (reviewed and updated within the last 12 months) is required for each child to access Short Break services, to ensure we have the right information for the planning of activities and support for our children and young people. We are unable to allocate places for children and young people at the holiday schemes without an updated short breaks passport.

This booklet contains details of when and where the activities are, who they are suitable for and an overview of what they involve.

Key:

Each activity is coded to show at a glance who it is aimed at:

-  Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)
-  Physical Disability
-  Moderate Disability, Sensory
-  Support with personal care needs.
-  Support with behaviours that challenge.

Instructions - How to Express an Interest in a Short Break

1. Please read the short breaks booklet and choose an activity provider that best meets the child's age and particular needs and interests. Only one activity provider will be allocated for each young person.
2. Deadline for Expression of Interests (EOI) – **12 noon on Friday 7 June 2024**
3. We need **an up-to-date short breaks passport** to allow access to the service. Please send one to the short breaks' mailbox by **12 noon on Friday 7 June 2024**. The passport ensures the right support is in place to support our families. They are to be reviewed with families each year, although they can be updated at any time if you need to make changes. The passports also help staff at the club to plan activities.
4. To complete your Child or Young People's EOI follow the web link* provided below:

[SUMMER 2024 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM](#)

5. The club manager will email or phone families' **week commencing 24 June 2024 with dates for SUMMER** informing them of the provider they have been allocated to, and the date(s) their child can attend. The number of sessions offered depends on the demand for places. We ask for a second choice of club, as demand for some clubs may be higher than others.
6. Please wait to be offered dates from chosen club. If you have not heard about your **SUMMER dates by Friday 28 June 2024**, please contact Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk
7. Once a child has been given an offer of a short break, the parent/carer of the child must email or send a text to the club manager to confirm that the child will be attending the place for **SUMMER by Monday 1 July 2024**.

If confirmation is not sent, the place will be offered to another young person.

Please direct any queries by email to the Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk

***A word version of the Expression of Interest (EOI) form can be requested by emailing Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk . Where possible please completed and email word versions of the forms to Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk**

Feedback on the Summer Short breaks offer

We want families and colleagues to share with us their experiences of the Summer Short Breaks Holiday Offer. We would also like to ask for colleagues to support any families, they know, who would like to provide their feedback, but may require additional support to do so.

Please send any feedback to us via the e mail at: shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk

Thanking you in advance for your valued contributions.

Easy read guide to requesting Summer 2024 short breaks club (To aid discussions)

1. Choose the club that fits best with your child's needs and age.
2. Update your child's short breaks passport and send to Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk
3. Complete and return the Expressions of interest form below by **12 noon on Friday 7 June 2024**

SUMMER 2024 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM
















We must have the name and contact number of a second adult in case of emergency.



















4. Wait to be offered dates from chosen club. (If you have not heard about your **SUMMER** dates by **Friday 28 June 2024**, please contact Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk)
5. Confirm your child's attendance at club by **Monday 1 July 2024** otherwise, dates will be offered to another child.
6. Any cancellations should be made as soon as possible but must be at least 48hrs before start of club.
7. **Please note that if you are unable to attend, can you let us know in advance as the place can be offered to another child who needs support.**
8. Please call the activity co-ordinator directly as soon as you know you will not be needing the place. We have a high number of children and young people who would like to attend the short breaks holiday activities, they can be offered your place if you are not able to attend.



Thank you for your assistance.

SUMMER 2024 - Short Breaks Targeted Holiday Provision

WEEK 1 Activity club	Key	Ages (years)	Times		Tuesday 23 July	Wednesday 24 July	Thursday 25 July	Friday 26 July
Aldridge Airport - Urban Project		8 - 17	09.30 - 15.30					
Minions @ My Place		8 - 12	10:00 - 15.00					
SB @ My Place		8 - 17	10:00 - 15.30					

WEEK 2 Activity club	Key	Ages (years)	Times	Monday 29 July	Tuesday 30 July	Wednesday 31 July	Thursday 1 Aug	Friday 2 Aug
Aldridge Airport - Urban Project		8 - 17	09.30 - 15.30					
Minions @ My Place		8 - 12	10:00 - 15.00					
SB @ My Place		8 - 17	10:00 - 15.30					
Resources for Autism		8 - 17	10:00 - 15:00					

WEEK 3 Activity club	Key	Ages (years)	Times	Monday 5 Aug	Tuesday 6 Aug	Wednesday 7 Aug	Thursday 8 Aug	Friday 9 Aug
Minions @ My Place	  	8 - 12	10:00 - 15:00					
SB @ My Place	    	8 - 17	10:00 - 15:30					
Resources for Autism	  	8 - 17	10:00 - 15:00					

WEEK 4 Activity club	Key	Ages (years)	Times	Monday 12 Aug	Tuesday 13 Aug	Wednesday 14 Aug	Thursday 15 Aug	Friday 16 Aug
Aldridge Airport - Urban Project	   	8 - 17	09.30 - 15.30					
Minions @ My Place	  	8 - 12	10:00 - 15:00					
SB @ My Place	    	8 - 17	10:00 - 15:30					
Resources for Autism	  	8 - 17	10:00 - 15:00					


Important Information


Please ensure that you contact the holiday club provider as soon as possible if your child / young person is booked onto an activity but will be unable to attend.


We appreciate that in some situations, for example illness, short notice will be unavoidable, however in all other instances we request that you give notice to the holiday club provider at least 48 hours before the scheduled date.

This will allow the place to be offered to another child / young person in need. Contact details for each activity will be contained in your notification email or letter. If you have difficulty reaching the Short break activity and Inclusion co-ordinator please contact the Short Breaks team on Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk

Aldridge Airport - Urban Project (8 – 17 years)

 Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)

 Support with behaviour that challenges

 Physical Disability

 Moderate Disability, Sensory

Specialist Support Available:

• Manual handling (hoist) • Administration of medication • TDC • One to one support

Dates: WEEK 1 - 23, 24, 25 and 26 July 2024; WEEK 2 – 29, 30 and 31 July and 1 August; WEEK 3 - No SB Activities; WEEK 4 - 12, 13, 14 and 15 August 2024.

Time: 09.30 – 15.30

Venue: Aldridge Airport, Bosty Lane, Aldridge, WS9 0QQ Tel; 01922 744637

Urban Project is based at Aldridge Airport Outdoor Centre which offers an exciting range of outdoor pursuits and indoor activities with full disability access including wheelchair users and specialist trained staff with over 25 years of experience.

Children and young people can work together part of a team/ group and take part in active outdoor adventurous activities. Activities include:

Bushcraft	Low Ropes	Circus Skills	Climbing Wall	Land Yachting
Gladiator Challenge	Cycling	High All Aboard	Zip Wire	Rock Climbing
Orienteering	Fan Descender	Jacobs Ladder	Video Games	Crafts
Crate Challenge	Abseiling	Bowling	Archery	Leap of Faith

We welcome site visits if you are unsure. Contact Steve on 07921 934932; email- outdoorpursuits@walsall.gov.uk

Facebook – walsalloutdoorpursuits Twitter - @walsalloutdoorpursuits

www.walsall.gov.uk/outdoor_pursuits

My Place, Walstead Road West, Walsall

My Place is a youth centre that is accessible for wheelchair users and provides a safe and secure environment for young people.

The holiday provision is managed by experienced youth service staff that are trained and have the competencies to provide support and care for young people with a wide range of needs including those with complex health care needs.

This includes medical assistance, the monitoring and administering of diabetes injections, peg feeding and with all personal care needs. There are changing facilities including a shower, changing bed and an electric hoist.

Activities are offered on an individual needs basis with young people engaging in their choice of activity. All activities are designed to promote young people's social skills and emotional well-being. They are adapted for all young people to engage in.

My Place activities include:

Arts and crafts	Outdoor sports	Gardening	Computers
Sensory room	Water and Sand play	Games	
Adapted cycle bikes	Music room/DJ suite	Baking and Cooking	

Young People will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink.

Minions @ My Place (8 – 12 years)



Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)



Support with behaviour that challenges



Support with personal care needs

Specialist Support Information:

- Personal care (shower) • Manual Handling (hoist) • Administration of medication • One to one support

Dates: WEEK 1 - 24 July 2024; Week 2 - 31 July 2024; WEEK 3 - 7 August; WEEK 4 - 14 August 2024.

Time: 10:00– 15.00

Venue: MyPlace, 60 Walstead Road West, Walsall, WS5 4PE Tel; 01922 655419

SB @ My Place (8 – 17 years)



Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)



Physical Disability



Moderate Disability, Sensory



Support with personal care needs



Support with behaviours that challenge

Specialist Support Information:

- Personal care (shower) • Manual handling (hoist) • Administration of medication • TDC • One to one support

Dates: WEEK 1 - 25 and 26 July 2024; Week 2 - 1 and 2 August 2024; WEEK 3 - 8 and 9 August 2024; WEEK 4 - 15 and 16 August 2024.

Time: 10:00 - 15.00

Venue: MyPlace, 60 Walstead Road West, Walsall, WS5 4PE Tel; 01922 655419

Resources for Autism (8 - 17 years) St Luke's Church



Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)



Support with behaviour that challenges.



Support with personal care needs.

Specialist Support Information:

- Behaviour support • Communication • Sensory Integration

Dates: WEEK 1 – No SB Activities: Week 2 - 29, 30 and 31 July 2024 and 1 August 2024; WEEK 3 - 5, 6, 7 and 8 August; WEEK 4 - 12, 13, 14 and 15 August 2024.

Time: 10.00 – 15.00

Venue: St Luke's Church, Selbourne Street, Chuckery, Walsall. WS1 2JN. Tel; 07944 525706

Resources for Autism provide practical services for children and adults with an autistic spectrum condition and for their families and carers.

Our playscheme offer young people an opportunity to engage in meaningful and fun based activities, i.e. cooking, sports, and group games, outdoor play, arts and crafts, sensory and water play, trips out etc.

All staff and volunteers are autism trained and services are designed to be welcoming and accepting of users whatever their level of need and support.

For our Short Breaks holiday schemes, we provide both indoor and outdoor activities which include:

Arts and Crafts	Group games	Cooking	Sensory play	Water play
Outdoors	Music	Dance/Drama	Trips out	Sports

Each session includes a breakfast club and, where possible, children are supported by the same member of staff for each of the days they attend during that holiday.

If you express an interest in a Club place for your child with Resources for Autism and they have not accessed their services before, you need to complete an online referral form. Please go to the Resources for Autism website and follow the link from the home page www.resourcesforautism.org.uk .