

Bath & North East
Somerset Council



Bath Area Play Project

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Playschemes - Youth Clubs - Sports - Creative Drama - Life Skills - Overnights



Short Breaks

For disabled children
and children with additional
needs aged 3 to 21 years

Contact: (01225) 832479



Who are short breaks for?

Short breaks are for children and young people who:

- have a **disability and/or additional needs and may require support to participate fully in play and activities**
- are **aged between 3 and 21 years old and live in B&NES**

You will need to bring and collect your child from the Short Break. For older children, we may use public transport including buses and trains where a Diamond Card can be used

See how to use a Diamond Card [here](#)



What are short breaks?

Our short breaks are commissioned by B&NES and include activities during school holidays and term time which

- enable children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to take part in safe, fun and interesting activities with peers
- give parents or carers an opportunity to have a break from caring. Short breaks last from a few hours to a day or an evening or even an overnight, providing a positive experience for all.

They include:

- a fun short break activity for your child as part of a group after school, during the day in school holidays, evenings, Saturday and Sunday groups and overnights
- support families to enjoy a short break activity together in our Family Sessions

How do we access short breaks?

Check that you are eligible:

https://e-voice.org.uk/cypn/files/view/Elegibility_Criteria_PDF.pdf

Then get in touch with BAPP and we will send you a Registration Form and chat to you about the options suitable for the age of your child. Once registered, you will be sent info about services as they are planned.

Every group has a limited number of places available and we allocate as equitably as possible. (01225) 832479 or email bookings@bathareaplayproject.co.uk or text 07715 425494

We expect parents to share their Child's EHC Plan.

We can support with personal care and we endeavour to use venues which are fully accessible including to those who are wheelchair users. Most services are registered with Ofsted and we apply these requirements across all services which includes risk assessments, staff ratios, safeguarding and age appropriate activities.

How will I know my child will be looked after?

All staff employed are qualified in working with children and experienced in working with disabled children and children with additional needs. Many staff also work in Special Schools.

We ask parents/carers to share openly about what works to best support their child so we can be consistent in approach.

Some staff will have First Aid training, Hoist & Handling training, Epilepsy and Feed training. We work with other agencies to ensure that all needs can be accommodated however this can be limited by staff availability.



What types of short breaks are there?

Specialist Holiday Playschemes: For children aged 3 to 19 years during most school holidays – Easter, Summer, October and February Half Terms £20 per child per session

Family Sessions during May Half Term, Summer Holidays and occasional term time Saturdays or evenings. For the whole family including the disabled child supported by staff £10 per family

Evening junior and youth provision for children 8+ up to 21 years, usually 2 hour sessions £5 per child per session

Weekend provision Saturday Club for children aged 5 to 12 years and Creative Fun/drama session on Sundays for children aged 8+ £10 per child per sessions

Overnight provision for young people aged 13+ years, either one night or two usually Friday/Saturdays £20-40

Where your child requires 1:1 support, Personal Assistants should be organised by the family as we do not provide 1:1. They are very welcome to attend with your child. Befriending support for individuals is also available through Time2Share/WECIL

"We have found teenage rampage to be invaluable to our sons confidence, independence, social skills and overall well being. We can't recommend it enough"

"She has been desperate to do a sleepover with a group of friends for a long time but we have never felt able to make this happen. She was looking forward to it for ages and it lived up to expectations brilliantly."

"I just wanted to say again how much our family values the sessions. She loves them and gets a lot out of them, including a significant boost to her confidence. Plus, it gives my husband and me some much needed time to spend with our boys."



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