ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

SERVICES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

NEW SHORT BREAKS FROM 2015

In the Royal Borough of Greenwich, we want children and young people to receive the right help at the right time to build the resilience they need to be safe, healthy and achieve.

Short break services deliver fun, positive experiences for children and young people with disabilities who live in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, to spend time away from their main carers whilst also giving parents/carers a rest from caring duties.

Short breaks also give children and young people the chance to do something they enjoy, to develop friendships and to participate in a range of creative and cultural experiences that contribute to their quality of life, inclusion within the local community and motivation to learn.

The newly commissioned short break services will replace those previously available from Greenwich Mencap and Greenwich Leisure and Toy Library. They will commence from April 2015 and are for children and young people with disabilities from ages 5-18 (and up to 25 where part of a support plan) living in the borough who are unable to use services already available.

Please note that some services are available from 1st April 2015 and some will be introduced during April 2015. Please contact the service manager for the start dates and for further details.

To ensure services meet individual needs and provide appropriate levels of support, the services are provided across two levels.

I. Targeted Services:

Targeted services provide breaks of up to 2 hours and are available to children and young people with disabilities who are unable to use mainstream services already available.

2. Targeted Plus Services:

These services support children and young people with complex needs, including those with severe Autistic needs and/or severe learning disabilities, who require higher staffing ratios. Targeted Plus services provide longer breaks of up to 5 hours with higher levels of staffing.

If you are not sure which service will be the best option for your child/young person, please call the service manager of the short break you are considering, to discuss your child's/young person's needs. They will be able to advise you on the suitability of their service.



Name of the Organisation	GREENWICH TOY AND LEISURE LIBRARY (GTLLA)
Service Type	This service provides both Targeted and Targeted Plus services.
Service Description	An exciting range of after school, holiday and term time activities for disabled children aged 5-12 years as follows: Targeted: Term time Saturday Clubs Sleep overs during school holidays Targeted Plus: Activity days and Play schemes during school holidays
When will activities take place	 Targeted: Term Time - ASD Activity Days- Saturdays - I0am to I2pm Term Time - ASD Activity Days- Saturdays - Ipm to 3pm School Holiday - Activity Days - Monday to Friday - I1am to Ipm Sleepovers are held during school holidays, please contact the service manager for further details of times and dates. Targeted Plus: School Term Time - Play Days - Saturdays - I0am to 3pm School Holidays - Play scheme - Saturdays - I0am to 3pm



Where will activities be delivered	Greenwich Toy and Leisure Library, Newhaven Gardens, Eltham SE9 6HQ (base for 2 hour activities), longer days spent in the community. Activities will include trips to parks, museums, theatres, seaside, city farms and zoos. Activities are delivered in wheelchair-accessible venues and cater for children with sensory needs. Please call the service manager to discuss specific needs.
Who to contact	Service Manager: Deborah Cavill
Contact details	Tel: 020 8854 7090 Email: Deborah@gtlla.org.uk
Can your child receive support from the service	Targeted Services: Targeted services provide breaks of up to 2 hours and are available to children and young people with disabilities who are unable to use mainstream services already available. Targeted Plus Services: These services support children and young people with complex needs, including those with severe Autistic needs and/or severe Learning disabilities who require higher staffing ratios. Targeted Plus services provide longer breaks of up to 5 hours with higher levels of staffing. If you are not sure which service will be the best option for your child/young person, please call the service manager of the short break you are considering, to discuss your child's/young person's needs. They will be able to advise you on the suitability of their service.



How your child can be referred to the service	Self-referrals can be made directly to the service. You can also be referred by a professional such as a social worker, nurse and by schools or community organisations. There will be an assessment of self-referrals to determine whether the service is right for the child or young person.
How to complain about the service	In the first instance complain directly to the service manager listed above. If the problem is not resolved then contact RBG Children's Services Commissioning Team on Telephone number: 0208 921 5655. Email: childrens-services-procurement@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
Is transport provided	Specialist transport may be available, please contact the Service Manager to discuss.



Name of the service	CHARLTON ATHLETIC COMMUNITY TRUST
Service Type	This service provides both Targeted and Targeted Plus services.
Service Description	An exciting programme of activities during school holidays and term time weekends that offer disabled children and young people, aged 13-25years, opportunitities to meet other young people, develop friendships, emotional skills and life skills. Activities include personal improvement programmes centred on education, health, social inclusion, citizenship, enabling young people to develop skills and confidence and providing potential pathways into education, employment and training.
	 Targeted: 2 hour (up to 5 hours by arrangement) sessions during school holiday day times. Overnight breaks at an activity centre during school holidays with the option to link into holiday activities as a build-up.
	 Targeted Plus: 5 hour activity sessions during term-time weekends. 5 hour activity sessions during School holidays. Please contact the service manager for specific times and details.
When will activities take place	Targeted: School holiday activities will be delivered between 10am to 3pm. Overnight breaks are arranged to take place during the school holidays at a local activity centre. Please contact the Service Manager for further details.
	Targeted Plus: School Term Time Weekends will be delivered from 10am to 3pm. School holiday activities will be delivered between 10am to 3pm.



Where will activities take place	The activities will be provided from a range of local venues including: • Hawksmoor Youth Hub, Thamesmead SE28 • The Link, Woolwich SE18. • Avery Hill Youth Hub, Avery Hill SE9. • Valley Central Youth Hub, Charlton SE7. • Woolwich Common Youth Hub, Woolwich SE18. • Local Schools Activities are delivered in wheelchair-accessible venues and may cater for children and young people with sensory needs. Please call the service manager to discuss specific needs.
Who to contact	Alex Levey
Contact details	Tel: 0208 850 2866 Email: shortbreaks@cact.org.uk Website: www.cact.org.uk
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Name of the service	NEW LODGE HORSE RIDING
Type of Service	This service provides a Targeted service.
Service Description	Horse and pony riding sessions for children and young people with disabilities from ages 5-18. Riding sessions are available on Tuesday evenings, weekends, Easter and Summer holidays.
When are activities available	Tuesday evenings for ages 5 -18yrs from 4.45pm to 5.15pm.
	Easter Holiday Pony morning for ages 8-18yrs on 9/4/15 from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
	Summer Holiday Pony morning for ages 8-18yrs date to be confirmed. Please contact service manager for details.
	New Lodge offer riding classes at the weekend which integrate children with special needs with children with no special needs but these are not covered by the sessions funded by Royal Greenwich. These sessions are available (subject to an assessment) on Saturdays from 11am to 1.30pm and Sundays from 10am to 1.30. Please contact service manager for details.
Where will activities take	New Lodge Riding Centre Mottingham Lane,
place	London SE9 4RW
	The venue has limited wheelchair access; please call the service manager to discuss.
Who to contact	Hilary Crawford
Contact details	020 8851 6447 hilary.crawford@virgin.net New Lodge Riding Centre Mottingham Lane, London SE9 4RW.



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