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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: St Helens SEND Short Breaks Summer Playscheme

As you are aware the recent Corona Virus pandemic has unfortunately caused some uncertainty and limitations and has impacted on what we are able to safely offer over the summer holiday break which has led to a delay in planning of the Play scheme. Please accept our apologies for this.

Mill Green School Respite Scheme

There has been a decision made by the council to establish a targeted respite scheme that has been offered to certain individuals for a period of 3 days per week for 4 weeks during the summer. This is a closed offer for 10 pupils who attend Lansbury and Mill Green School and is based on individual circumstances.

The wider offer

The local authority has at this time decided to appoint 2 providers for the SEND summer play scheme, they are:

- Motive8 sports
- St Helens Youth Service

We are still in negotiation with a third provider and if this can be agreed, based on safe planning around Covid, then we will notify you as soon as we are able.

Due to the current situation and social distancing measures we are restricted on group numbers for the provision which we appreciate is not ideal but we hope you understand the difficult circumstances that we are working under and the changing impact on our planning and provision. If demand increases for places then we may have to restrict availability.

Both providers will offer a variety of different activities over the summer period and will try to accommodate everyone's wishes. Please be advised though that we need to be mindful of the local and national situation with regards to Covid and so there may be unforeseen changes beyond our control.

Motiv8 Sports

For Children who meet the Social Care Short Breaks Eligibility Criteria as in previous years, if your Child attends Lansbury School and Mill Green School or receives more than 25 hours in funded support in a mainstream School then they will be entitled to 33 subsidised hours from the Local Authority. Which means that the hourly rate for you to pay will be £4. After the 33 hours it will then go to £14 per hour

The offer is 3 days per week for 6 weeks of the summer holidays for full days, pick up at 8.45am - drop off at 4pm. They have a maximum capacity of 6 children per session, they can offer transport from a single pick-up point which is yet to be agreed and lunch at additional costs.

The sessions are available for all age groups, however, please discuss your individual child's needs with the provider.

The dates are outlined below:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
21 st July	22 nd July	23 rd July
28 th July	29 th July	30 th July
4 th August	5 th August	6 th August
11 th August	12 th August	13 th August
18 th August	19 th August	20 th August
25 th August	26 th August	27 th August

There are 6 places per session and therefore you will need to book your child onto these sessions, for more information and to book please contact Liz McLoughlin on 07966808258 or liz.motiv8sports@outlook.com

St Helens Youth Service

The Youth Service Summer offer is two days per week (Monday and a Thursday) 10am - 2pm at the Grange Valley Youth Centre, Clipsley Lane, Haydock, WA11 0TT. These sessions are open to all Children with SEND and are free to attend.

Children will need to bring their own packed lunches and snacks and they will need to have their own transport arrangements in place.

Monday 27th & Thursday 30th July 10am – 2pm

Week 1 - Marine Week

Monday 3rd & Thursday 6th August - 10am – 2pm

Week 2 - Sports Week

Monday 10th & Thursday 13th August - 10am – 2pm

Week 3 - Gardening Week, plant pots and compost

Monday 17th & Thursday 20th August - 10am – 2pm

Week 4 - Design your own

Monday 24th & Thursday 27th August - 10am – 2pm

Week 5 - Circus

(Suitable for ages 5 -15 years old)

Appropriate measures have been put in place to follow social distancing and additional cleaning procedures.

Spaces are limited to 6 per session which means booking is essential. To book a place, or for more info please call: 07710 848 252 Or 07712 235 378

For any further information please contact Hannah Sweeney (07887502220)

Yours sincerely,

H. Sweeney

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