

Short Breaks Newsletter

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



May 2024

Short Breaks Market Place Event

Following the success and positive feedback of last year's Short Breaks Market Place Event, we are holding another this year. We are inviting you to come along and find out what services and activities are available in Telford for you and your child. There will be representatives from PODS Charity, Telford & Wrekin Council, My Options, community based activity providers, Taylor Support, Win Health Care and many, many more.

It is being held on Wednesday 5th June, 1-7pm at Telford and Wrekin CVS, Hazeldine House, Telford Central, TF3 4JL. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW—iCan2 Activity Passes

As you may know, we work in collaboration with local attractions to offer day passes for children with disabilities and their families within Telford and Wrekin. We have passes for all Ironbridge Museums, Hoo Zoo & Dinosaur World, Monkey Forest, Attingham Park and Tenpin Bowling.

Right in time for summer, we have been liaising with Shugborough Estate, and now have passes available for one child with a disability and up to FIVE companions.

Your child is eligible to use these passes if they:

- Are known to the Children with Disabilities Team or are an iCan2 member
- Are aged 17 or under
- Are a resident of Telford and Wrekin

The passes can be booked for any day of the week. If you would like to book or require further information, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk

Disability Skiing Update

We are aware that, since the COVID pandemic lockdown the iCan2/My Options Skiing sessions have reduced and meant that our younger children were not able to take part in this very valued activity. At the same time, the higher age limit of the iCan2/My Options skiing sessions meant some young adults were facing the prospect of not being able to continue within this session.

Reflecting on the successful and developing Inclusive Leisure offer, and on the recent move of the iCan2/My Options swimming session to our Leisure services, Council officers are considering whether the Skiing sessions could move to Leisure Services. This is at the proposal stage only and we appreciate that this may cause uncertainty whilst the plans are being created. We are grateful to PODS and to parents for their input into the early discussions.

Some of the benefits we are seeking to secure are:

- Skiing and Tubing disability sessions without any age limit
- Sessions that are run the same as mainstream sessions as a Beginners and Intermediate session – although for people with disabilities. This will enable progression in skill levels

Leisure Services are now taking forward all the feedback they have received and require time to develop their proposals. The proposals are expected early summer and will be shared with parents for feedback. As part of the development of the proposals, Leisure Services will be engaging with the current My Options staff in order to see how they will be able to continue to support the sessions moving forward. In the meantime, the existing ICAN2/My Options Skiing sessions will continue.

Parent Carers are welcome to discuss this with Children's Services colleagues at the Short Breaks forum. The next meeting is Tuesday 21st May, 5pm at the PODS office.

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 www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
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 https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play
Every Week—6-8pm	Soft Play for Seniors		
Every Week—11.15-12.15pm	Children's Autism Hub Coffee and Chat	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4JL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk
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 www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
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 https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561
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.
Every Week—10-11.30am (term time only)	Shining Stars SEND Play-group 0-5yrs	The Linden Centre, Oak Road, Overdale, Telford, TF3 5BT	If you have any enquiries, email shiningstars2017@hotmail.com
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 www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
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 https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561
Every Week—4-5pm	4 All Dodgeball	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.

If you would like to discuss your child's needs or accessibility requirements, please contact the activity provider on the details above ahead of the session to avoid disappointment.

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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 www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . 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.
First Thursday of Month—4.30pm	Children's Autism Hub Dugout 11-18yrs	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4JL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk
Friday			
Every Week—1-2pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . 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 https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play
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.
Saturday			
Every Week—1.45-2.15pm	Silhouette 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 www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . 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 https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming
Every Week—9-10.30am	Pirates and Princesses Soft Play SEND Session	Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, Telford TF7 4PF	To book, call 01952582382
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.
Alternate Sunday's	Big Street Little Feet Role Play Centre	2 Anstice Square, Horseshoe Court, Madeley, Telford TF7 5BD	To book and find out more information, visit https://www.bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk/home