

The illustration shows a family of four: a woman, a young girl, a child in a wheelchair, and a man. They are standing together. To the right, there is a lightbulb with a glowing base, symbolizing an idea or a plan.

SHORT

BREAKS

Easter and May Half Term 2024 - 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

Deadline for Expressions of Interests: **12 noon on Friday 23 February 2024**

About Short Breaks in Walsall

Walsall Council is pleased to announce the programmes of Short Breaks taking place **Easter school holiday, Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April 2024 and May Half Term Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 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. This booklet contains details of when and where the activities are, who they are suitable for and an overview of what the activities are.

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 and
- 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.

Key:

Each activity is coded to show briefly who it is aimed at:

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



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. 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.
3. We are unable to allocate places for children and young people at the holiday schemes without an updated short breaks passport. The passports also help staff at the club to plan activities.
4. If any of the information provided within your Short Breaks passport changes, please let us know as soon as possible at Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk This will help us to ensure we have the right information to provide the right support for a safe and enjoyable experience for our children and young people. Thanks for your support with this.
5. If you do not think your child has one or if you need the blank template please e mail the short breaks mailbox (Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk) by **12 noon on Friday 23rd February 2024**.
6. To complete your Child or Young People's Expression Of Interest (EOI) click on the web link* provided below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xRvvaBNnQh>

7. The club manager will email or phone families' **week commencing 4 March 2024, with dates for EASTER, and week commencing 29 April 2024 for MAY HALF TERM dates**, 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.
8. Please wait to be offered **dates from chosen club. If you have not heard about your EASTER dates by Friday 8 March 2024 or MAY HALF TERM dates by Friday 3rd May please contact Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk**
9. 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 **EASTER by Friday 15th March 2024 and by Monday 13th May for MAY HALF TERM.**

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

Please direct any queries or feedback on your experiences of Walsall's Short Breaks Services by email to 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


















Easy read guide to requesting Easter and May Half Term 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 23 February 2024. Please complete the form for both Easter and May Short break holiday activities.**

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4. We must have the name and contact number of a second adult in case of emergency.
5. Wait to be offered dates from chosen club. (If you have not heard about your **EASTER dates by Friday 8th March 2024 or MAY HALF TERM dates by Friday 3rd May 2024**, please contact Shortbreaks@walsall.gov.uk
6. Confirm your child's attendance at club by **Friday 15th March 2024 for Easter dates and Monday 13th 2024 for May dates**, otherwise, dates will be offered to another child.
7. Any cancellations should be made ASAP to the activity co-ordinator but must be at least 48hrs before start of club. We are aware that emergency situations do happen however we do have a number of children who do not turn up on the day. Please let the activity co-ordinators know if you do not want your place as soon as possible so the place can be offered to another child. Please call the club directly- Thank you

Easter 2024 - Short Breaks Targeted Holiday Provision

WEEK 1 Activity club	Key	Ages (years)	Times	Monday 25 March	Tuesday 26 March	Wednesday 27 March	Thursday 28 March	Friday 29 March
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 2 Activity club	Key	Ages (years)	Times	Monday 1 April	Tuesday 2 April	Wednesday 3 April	Thursday 4 April	Friday 5 April
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					


May Half Term 2024 - Short Breaks Targeted Holiday Provision


WEEK – MAY Activity club	Key	Ages (years)	Times	Monday 27 May	Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 30 May	Friday 31 May
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					


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 Club provider 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:

EASTER WEEK 2: Tuesday 2 April - Friday 5 April 2024.

MAY HALF TERM: Tuesday 28 May - Friday 31 May 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 have the opportunity to 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:

EASTER WEEK 1: Wednesday 27 March 2024.

EASTER WEEK 2: Wednesday 3 April 2024.

MAY HALF TERM: Wednesday 29 May 2024.

Time: 10:00– 15.00

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

SB @MyPlace (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:

EASTER WEEK 1: Thursday 28 March 2024

EASTER WEEK 2: Thursday 4 April - Friday 5 April 2024

MAY HALF TERM: Thursday 30 May – Friday 31 May 2024


Time: 10:00 – 15.00

Venue: My Place, 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 • One to one Support

Dates:

EASTER WEEK 1: Monday 25 March – Thursday 28 March 2024.

EASTER WEEK 2: Tuesday 2 April – Friday 5 April 2024.

MAY HALF TERM: Tuesday 28 May – Friday 31 May 2024.

Time: 10.00 – 15.00

Venue: St Luke's Church, Selbourne Street, The 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. 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 Team games
- Cooking Sensory activities
- Local trips out Creative arts (music, dance and drama)
- Sports Outdoor play area

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 .