



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 30th October 2023

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton, as well as other general information which you may find useful. You can find out more information on the [Halton Local Offer page online](#) or contact the [Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities](#) team too.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum Information and Support Surgery



Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum have their Information and Support Surgery coming up on **Saturday 18th November 12pm till 3pm** at Moon Meadow scout hut, Farnworth Street, Widnes.

There will be representatives from many different organisations, services, and agencies including:

- SENDIASS
- Head of Special Educational Needs, Merseyside
- Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS)
- Halton Educational Psychology Service
- Woodview Children's neuro developmental team
- ADDvanced Solutions
- Healthwatch Halton
- Deafness Resource Centre and Halton Sensory Service
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Citizen's Advice Halton
- Positive Behaviour Support Service

There will be lots of activities to keep the children entertained including raffle prizes, crafts table, food and refreshments, and a special guest appearance from Sammy Sunshine!

There's no need to book, just come on down to Moon Meadow scout hut Widnes between 12pm and 3pm on Saturday 18th November!

If you are not a member of the Forum and want to join just email Jen on info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk for a membership form.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum



INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SURGERY **SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2023**

(12.00 noon to 15.00pm) - 12 to 3

Moon Meadow Scout Hut, 21 Farnworth Street, Widnes, WA8 9LH

Tourette's action - Halton 0-19 Service (School Nurses) - Independent Travel Training - SENDIASS - 14-19 Team

Positive Future Consultancy Ltd - Designated Clinical Officers Halton - Halton Local Offer

Halton Family Hubs - SEND assessment team - Cheshire Autism Practical Support

Head of Special Educational Needs Merseyside - Holiday activity and food provision team

- Educational Psychology Service Halton - Integrated Care Board (ICB) - Halton Virtual School

Childrens Specialist Services Halton (Woodview) - Children's Neuro-Developmental Team Halton

Advanced solutions - Healthwatch Halton - Community Dental Network - Citizen's advice Halton

Mental Health Support Team in Schools - Deafness Resource Centre/Halton sensory services

Child and adolescent mental health service (CAMHS) - Positive Behaviour Support Service Halton


If you need any general support and advice from these services, then come along and meet the teams!

We have lots of activities to keep the children entertained.

Raffle Prizes – Craft Table – Food and Refreshments – Sammy Sunshine



Halton SEND Parents carers forum believes that informed parents are empowered parents, and our aim is to ensure that services in Halton meet the needs of disabled children and their families.

 Halton Send parent Carers Forum

WWW.Haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk

Telephone Contact: 07889721234

Email : info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk



Half-term activities at Brookvale Community Centre

Autumn activities at Brookvale Community Centre



ROBOTICS CLASS

Build and programme lego robots with help from real computer scientists!

Wednesday 1st
November:
1:00pm - 3:00pm

WOODWORK AND ARTS

With the Walton Leigh project

Friday 3rd
November:
1:30pm - 3:00pm



Hand printed cushion workshop

& Stick weaving workshop

With Sewing Bee

Thursday 2nd
November:
10:00am-12:00

1:00pm - 3:00pm



INTENTIONAL
We intentionally design all of our activities!



FUN
We strive to make every activity as fun as possible!



A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY
We want your child to take home new skills and improved confidence!

Interested?

1

GO TO OUR EVENTBRITE

Click the link on our Facebook!

@brookvalecommunitycentre

2

SIGN UP

Let us know who you're bringing and a few other details

3

DROP OFF

Arrive at the activity!
Pickup time is when the activity ends



There's lots of activities at Brookvale Community Centre this week including a robotics class, and woodwork and arts. Check out [their Facebook page here](#) for more information or [click here to book your spaces](#).

**Healthy Minds course with ICAN at the
Deafness Resource Centre**



Healthy Minds

A 4 week course exploring positive mental health, wellbeing & deaf identity for D/deaf children & young people aged 8 to 18 years.

**Starting
Wednesday 8th November
For 4 weeks**



**5.30pm – 6.30pm
BOOKING IS REQUIRED**

For more information please contact:
E: ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org
T: 01744 23887

Deafness Resource Centre, 32-40 Dentons Green Lane, St Helens, WA10 2QB



**COMMUNITY
FUND**



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Company Reg. in England No. 0807262



The new Healthy Minds course with ICAN at The Deafness Resource Centre will explore positive mental health, wellbeing and identity for D/deaf children and young people aged 8 to 18. The four-week course will start on **Wednesday 8th November 5.30pm-6.30pm** – booking is required so for more information please email ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org or call **01744 23887**.

Introducing Communicate SLT



Communicate SLT have been commissioned by Halton Borough Council and NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board to provide Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) services for children and young people in Widnes and Runcorn. This replaces the previous services provided by Chatterbug.

The services they provide are for all children and young people aged 0-19 years, and up to 26 years for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or whose Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) are identified in an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP). [Find out more here](#) about Communicate SLT and how they will further develop speech and language services in Halton.

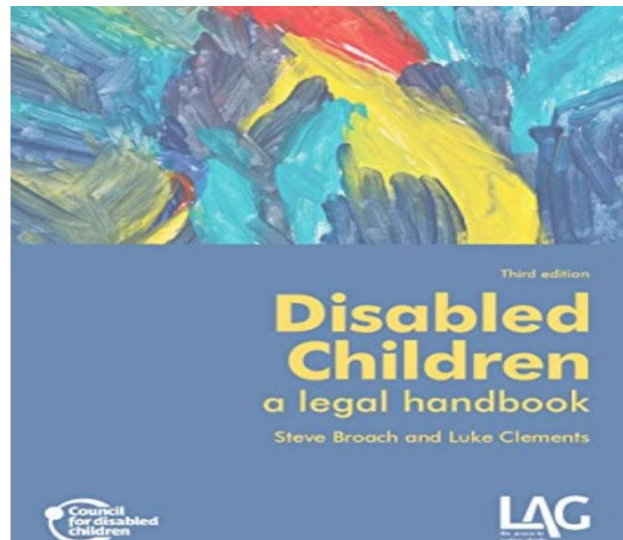
Council for Disabled Children: A legal handbook



Disabled Children: a legal handbook



UNITED FOR DISABLED CHILDREN



Disabled Children: a legal handbook is an accessible guide to the legal rights of disabled children and their families in England. There are twelve chapters within the handbook on topics including: education; health; children's services; transition into adulthood; housing; carers and welfare benefits.

The legal handbook explains what public bodies must do to support disabled children and that which they should do. It aims to empower disabled children and their families through providing a greater understanding of their rights and entitlements

The handbook is essential for families of disabled children, their advocates, as well as professionals and practitioners in voluntary, independent or statutory services.

[Click here to read the handbook](#) or visit the [Council for Disabled Children website here](#) for more information.

**Kids Corner opens at the Community Square in
Runcorn Shopping City**

COMMUNITY SQUARE

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YOU ARE INVITED!

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
OPENING OF KIDS CORNER
COMMUNITY SQUARE
JOIN US AT 12PM

COMMUNITY SQUARE
SHOPPING CITY
RUNCORN

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CENTRE
MANAGEMENT 01928 716363

COMMUNITY SQUARE

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Join Us For Family Fun

- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- CHILDREN'S CHARACTERS
- A CHANCE FOR THE KIDS AND ADULTS TO HAVE SOME FUN

SEE YOU AT COMMUNITY SQUARE!

www.shopping-city.co.uk

The new Kids Corner is opening at Community Square in Runcorn Shopping City on Monday 6th November at 12pm. For the launch they will have **arts and crafts, a children's entertainer, refreshments** as well as providing you with more information about the space and what will be taking place over the months ahead.

A reminder of half-term Kids Eat Free offers



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Don't forget there are lots of Kids Eat Free or for £1 offers over half-term – find out more on the [Money Saving Central website here](https://www.moneysavingcentral.co.uk) or check out [their Facebook page here](#).

Don't forget to join in Halton's 'Big Conversation'

“THE BIG CONVERSATION”

The Big Conversation is about all of us being a part of shaping what the future of Halton looks like.

It's about starting to talk about how, together, we can make Halton an even better place for people to live, work, visit and grow. It includes discussing what Halton Borough Council could do with the money that it has available, what we can do together as a community and what each of us may be able to do in our day to day lives, to make a difference.

Council Leader Cllr Mike Wharton says: “Let your voice be heard by taking part in our survey. Input from local people is crucial to help shape future policies and decisions. Your involvement will help us improve, and build brighter futures for our community.”

Get involved today – complete the survey **before Thursday 30th November** to be in with a chance of winning a £100 gift voucher for The Brindley.

You can click here to find out more about The Big Conversation here, and you can complete the survey by clicking this link here or scan the QR code.



If you would like some help in completing the survey, please pop into any Halton Direct Link office, or one of Halton's libraries, where staff will be happy to provide assistance.

And Halton Borough Council also want to know **what children and young people** think of the place where they live too. Please help them to complete a **shorter version of the survey available by clicking this link here.**

Accessing Short Breaks information on the Halton Local Offer

Halton Local Offer



Don't forget you can access our Short Breaks page on the Local Offer by scanning this QR code here or [click this link](#).



Here you'll find lots of useful information and resources, while [the Leisure page here](#) has details of activities and events across Widnes and Runcorn

And your feedback and suggestions help us to keep improving the Halton Local Offer for families across our borough – [click here to share your feedback!](#)

MAX cards



Don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton all year round.

The card is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys and more.

You can visit the [MAX Card website](#) for further details or check out [the Local Offer](#). Cards cost £2.50 and can be collected from Warrington Road Children's Centre in Widnes, or Glendale Family Centre in Runcorn (available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm – please note, it is cash payments only).

You can email AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk or call 0151 511 6560 for more details.

This newsletter provides general information and resources for parents and carers of young people with SEND, and for professionals who support them. Please note, while we take every care to ensure the information we share is accurate the information provided is not a direct recommendation from the Short Breaks Service and we recommend that you complete your own research about the information and events we signpost.

We recognise that not all the information in this newsletter will be relevant to everyone included on the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service that you'd like to share please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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