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MOVING FORWARD

Thank you, if you were one of the 114 people who attended the SEND Moving Forward Event on Feb 25th.

Attendees were asked to help us prioritise the list of new initiatives for the Strategy delivery plan, called the SEND Transformation Plan. Voting gave us three top priorities to help us look at the best order for our projects:

1. Children get the right support at the right time
2. Every child and young person with SEND makes good progress
3. All working together to plan services.

[Please click here to book in to the second and third in a series of 'The Local Area Moving Forward Together' events.](#)

PHONING US IN!



To call the SEND service team dial 01793 464641

Lines are open Monday-Thursday 8-5pm and on Friday 8-4:30pm.

ACCESS TO SPORTS DAY - A PARENT'S VIEW

“Max is 7 and attends a mainstream school. He was diagnosed with a rare brain condition when I was pregnant. His condition affects his balance, co-ordination, speech, processing speed and memory.

He has been attending the Access to Sports Day for 3 years now. He's the only child that attends from his school, so sometimes he goes with his TA and sometimes I go with him. It gives us a whole day of quality time together!

It takes place at the Oasis so we start with swimming, where lifeguards walk around the pool signalling when the wave machine is about to start. All of the excitement of the waves but with none of the usual loud sirens, so no child has to cover their ears with sensory overload. Then hockey with the Swindon Wildcats, random run (where you are timed while you touch a key, to a number of different targets that are all jumbled up and then do it again trying to beat your first score)



and he absolutely loved this activity, particularly the enthusiasm and support he received from the other young people.

At lunchtime we were joined at our table by a group of children and their TA's from Crowdy's school. It was really nice as a parent to see how the TA's interacted with their students. They were clearly all having a great day, and the way they communicated with one another indicated that they all had an excellent relationship.

After lunch we went off for boxing (which is fun but exhausting for Max, but he could stop and rest whenever he needed to with no questions asked) and finally archery (a special inflatable target, and no sharp arrows).

On the way out Max was asked to choose his favourite activity, he chose swimming but said it was hard deciding as he loved it all! We both had a brilliant time and are really grateful to all those that organised the day. I drove one tired but happy child home and we will both look forward to the Summer Access to Sports Day!”

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