



Opportunities for children and young people with disabilities to enjoy a range of social and leisure activities outside of school hours

What we do

Aiming High provide opportunities for children and young people with disabilities to enjoy a range of social and leisure activities outside of school hours. This could range from information and advice about activities, support to access mainstream activities or the provision of Aiming High specialist services:

- Information:** Aiming High provide information, advice and a regular newsletter (www.swindon.gov.uk/aiminghighshortbreaks) for **all** families of children and young people with disabilities in Swindon.
- Family activities:** Aiming High also provide regular family swim and trampoline sessions, open to all families of children and young people with disabilities in Swindon*. Contact Aiming High or check the newsletter for details. (*Currently on hold due to Covid-19, contact Aiming High for updates)
- Aiming High Local Offer:** Children and young people who meet the criteria for the Aiming High Local Offer are eligible for a maximum of **80 hours** of Aiming High support per year. Read on for more information.

Aiming High Local Offer Criteria

The child / family meet **all** of the following criteria:

- The child / young person is a Swindon resident aged from 0 to 18th birthday and has a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010 ^^
- The child is unable to access any other social or leisure activity without a parent / carer staying.
- Specially trained / qualified staff, or a higher staff ratio, are required in order to safely meet the child's needs, and we are unable to identify a setting with staff sufficiently trained / confident to meet those needs.
- Parent / carer requires breaks from caring in order to continue to provide care or to enable them to provide care more effectively.

^^ You are disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities. 'Substantial' is more than minor or trivial. 'Long-term' means 12 months or more.

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For families who meet the Aiming High criteria

Inclusion Funding:

If your child wants to attend a particular mainstream social activity e.g. swimming lessons, dancing, gymnastics etc but needs 1:1 support to attend, Aiming High may be able to fund an additional person to support them in the activity.

The setting would need to be able to provide the worker. Funding is for 1.5 hours per week, to be used flexibly. Aiming High do not fund the cost of the activity itself. Terms & Conditions apply, including maximum rates.

UET Short Breaks:

Aiming High may be able to provide funding for your child to attend UET Short Breaks. Funding is for 1.5 hours per week (to be used flexibly) and costs £2.50 per hour. Terms & Conditions apply, including maximum rates. Children cannot attend until the 31 August after their 5th birthday.

Direct Payments:

If you know someone who is able to take on the role of 1:1 worker then Aiming High may be able to provide you with support and funding to employ them. Funding is for 1.5hrs a week, to be used flexibly. Aiming High do not provide the worker and do not fund the cost of any activities attended. Terms & Conditions apply, including maximum rates.

Specialist Groups:

Aiming High provide a range of specialist groups and can work with you to identify the most suitable group for your child. For age 5 and up. Activities include arts and crafts, baking, go-karts, outdoor play, Wii and Xbox, sensory and soft play, depending on the needs of the children. The cost is £2.50 per hour.

Contact

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