



Social and leisure activities outside of school hours for children and young people with disabilities

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 signposting for all families of children and young people with disabilities in Swindon.
- Family activities:** Aiming High also provide regular family swim sessions, open to all families of children and young people with disabilities in Swindon. Contact Aiming High for details.
- 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 (1.5 hours per week, to be used flexibly). Read on for more information.

Aiming High Local Offer Criteria

The child / family meet all of the following criteria:

- The child or 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 or carer staying.
- The child cannot access activities without specially trained or qualified staff to safely meet the child's needs, or the child requires a higher staff ratio.
- 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.

Aiming High Local Offer

For families who meet the Aiming High criteria

Inclusion Funding:

If your child would like to attend a mainstream social activity (e.g. swimming lessons, dancing or martial arts) but needs 1:1 support to attend, Aiming High may be able to fund an additional person to support them in the activity (£10 per hour). 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 and conditions apply, including maximum rates.

UET Short Breaks:



Aiming High may be able to provide funding for your child to attend UET Short Breaks, based at Upper Shaw Ridge Farm (formerly Hop Skip & Jump). Funding is for 1.5 hours per week (to be used flexibly) and costs £2.50 per hour. For age 5 and up. Soft play, outdoor games, sports, arts and craft, baking and more. After school, weekends and school holidays. Terms and conditions apply, including maximum rates.

Direct Payments:

Where Aiming High provide the support and funding to enable you to employ a 1 to 1 worker to support your child. The family will need to identify a worker. Funding is for 1.5 hours per week, to be used flexibly. Aiming High do not provide the worker and do not fund the cost of any activities attended. A Direct Payment Support Advisor provides ongoing support. Terms and conditions apply, including maximum rates.

Specialist Groups:

Aiming High provide a range of specialist groups based on need, and can work with you to identify the most suitable group for your child. Groups run during evenings, Saturdays and school holidays. For age 5 and up. Activities include arts and crafts, outdoor play, go-karts, sports, gaming, walks and picnics, depending on the needs of the children. The cost is £2.50 per hour. There are currently long waiting lists.

Contact:

Refer online (self-referral or by a professional): <https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/aiminghigh>

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