

For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter October 2025

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 Short Break Service
FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**



Short Breaks Parent & Carer Coffee Days with guest visitors

22/10/25, 10am – 12pm @ Halton Lodge Family Hub,
WA7 5LU

'Tanya McGibbon, Deafness Resource Centre'

19/11/25, 10am – 12pm @ Brookvale Family Hub,
WA7 6BJ

'Calm Your Mind'

10/12/25, 12pm – 2pm @ Kingsway Family Hub

'Sean Bailey Wellness, Sleep Improvement'

Christmas Family Event

Save the date - 22/12/25

To find out more on the above sessions please email
aiminghigh.fordisabledchildren@halton.gov.uk or call
your Early Help Family Worker from the Short Breaks team.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us
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Halton Short Break Service
FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



Short Breaks Father's Event

On Monday, 27th October, from 6:30 – 7:30 at Widnes Superbowl, we will be holding a Father and Child/Children's event.

Dad, you can enjoy a game of bowling with your child/ren for free. Refreshments provide.



To book your place, please email
aiminghigh.fordisabledchildren@halton.gov.uk

or

Call your Early Help Family Worker from the Short Breaks team.

Additional family members are welcome to attend; however, any associated costs must be covered by the individual. Please note that children who are not registered with the Short Breaks service will also be subject to standard charges.

The closing date for confirmation of attendance will be Monday 20th October

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us
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Halton Local Offer



The Halton Local Offer team have been listening to feedback from parents and carers to help make accessing the many available resources and information easier for you. The new QR codes in the section information guide will now take you directly to the information you need, and we'll be sharing these at our various events throughout the year. Don't forget, your feedback and suggestions help us to keep improving the Halton Local Offer for families across our borough – [click here to share your feedback!](#)



Halton Local Offer



[Halton Local Offer](#) Section Guide

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Halton Local Offer
localoffer.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk



FamilyHub
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haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk

MAX cards



As October holidays start don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton.

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 £3.50 and can be collected from Warrington Road Children's Centre in Widnes (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



What are Bumblebee sessions?

Every Friday | 9:30 – 10:45 AM
£7.50 per session | For children under 4 years

Join us at The Sensory Hive for Bumblebee Sensory Play — a fun, supportive session where little ones explore, connect, and grow through play.

What's Included?*

- Weekly Themed Activities**
New sensory themes each week—messy play, textures, and more — designed for little ones to explore, learn, and grow through hands-on fun.
- Sensory Gym**
A spacious play area for movement, balance, and coordination—helping build gross motor skills in a fun, supportive environment.
- Snacks Provided**
Light snacks are available to keep little tummies happy while they play and explore!



If you would like to book one of our sessions scan the QR code below





Half Term Week Calendar



Tuesday 28th

10-11am Private Hire

Sensory Barber Barber 11-4pm

11:30-12:30pm & 1-2pm & 2:30-3:30pm Mixed Age Gym Sessions

Wednesday 29th

10-11:30am George Pig! Character Visit (10:30-11)

Halloween Afternoon Tea 12-1:30pm

2-3:30pm Mixed Age Gym Session

Thursday 30th

11:30-1pm Skye! Character Visit (12-12:30pm)

2-4pm Private Hire

4:30-6PM Mixed Age Gym Session

Friday 31st

Sensory Bumblebees Age 4 & Under 9:30-10:45am

Halloween Breakfast 11:30-1pm

Halloween Afternoon Tea 2-2:30pm

Saturday 1st

10-11am Age 6 & Under Gym Session Toast & Juice Included

11:15-12:45pm Mixed Age Gym Session

Sunday 2nd

10-11am Age 13 & over Gym Session Toast & Juice Included

11:15-12:45pm Mixed Age Gym Session



Therapy Space

The Therapy Space is a versatile room which is used by our therapists who provide Occupational Therapy and Sensory Integration assessments and intervention. It meets fidelity, which means it can be used to deliver Sensory Integration Therapy.



A sensory assessment identifies a person's sensory processing strengths and challenges, ultimately informing goals, interventions and strategies to enhance their daily functioning and well-being.

The Sensory Hive

is a not-for-profit, Specialist Sensory Integration Therapy Centre designed especially for the neurodivergent, disabled, and care-experienced communities across the North West and beyond!

Services

- Full private hire of the Sensory Gym
- Private hire of individual rooms
- Public Sensory Gym sessions weekdays, Thursday evenings and weekends
- Weekly school Sensory Gym sessions
- School trips and visits
- Party packages
- Sensory Bumblebees - a weekly, themed toddler and pre-school session
- School holiday sessions - with occasional special mascot guests
- Sensory Barber
- Infant Massage
- Rebound Therapy
- School based interventions:
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Lego Therapy
 - Attention Autism
 - Pupil observations
- OT and Sensory Integration assessments and Intervention
- Sensory Integration training and consultancy for parents, carers, education, social care, clinical teams

Sensory Integration Therapy

(or SI intervention) works on the identified foals through: structured exposure to sensory input, movement therapy, balance treatments, and carefully designed and customised physical activities and accommodations (e.g., changes to the environment or routine).

Facilities

- Parking
- Portable hoist
- Disabled toilets
- Changing table
- Shower
- Accessible rooms
- Snack bar




SCAN ME


The Sensory Hive
Weyman Avenue,
Whiston
L35 2YW
0151 832 6915
Hello@thesensoryhive.co.uk
www.thesensoryhive.co.uk



The Sensory Gym

The Sensory Gym is a multi-sensory space designed for various abilities and ages, including adults. It supports sensory system development and promotes skills such as balance, coordination, and praxis.



Equipment includes:

- Slide
- Swings
- Zipline
- Swinging platform bridge
- Monkey bars
- Balance boards and targets
- Parkor soft blocks
- Scooter board and ramp
- Rebound trampoline
- Soft steps and a climbing rope up to the mezzanine area
- Dark den with bean bags and galaxy ceiling

The Mezzanine

Located above the Sensory Gym, the Mezzanine level is a space for all ages to play and explore.



- Engaging educational toys
- A chalkboard wall for mark making
- Versatile lighting and borealis tube with features to suit user preferences
- Tactile walls and floor tiles for interactive experiences
- A cozy reading corner complete with sensory lighting
- Soft play equipment

All of our senior staff members are trained and have experience working with neurodivergent children and adults, including those with complex needs and disabilities.

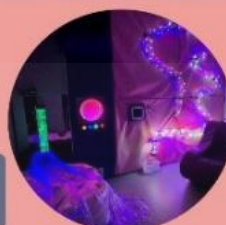
Sorcha's Sanctuary

Sorcha's Sanctuary is an interactive room that creates immersive multi-sensory environments, safely replicating real-life settings. It features gesture controls for customisable soothing or invigorating atmospheres.



This beautiful space includes:

- Interactive surfaces with added scents, wind, and effects
- Adjustable lighting and sound to adapt levels of alertness and visual processing
- Sensory toys like fibre optics, bubble tube, scarf blower and infinity mirror
- Specialised equipment: a therapy chair for accessibility and vibrating mat





SENSORY BARBER



HAIRCUTS AND SENSORY FUN

£35!

- 30 MINUTE SENSORY-FRIENDLY HAIRCUT IN OUR CALMING THERAPY SPACE
- 60 MINUTE GYM SESSION TO BURN OFF ENERGY AND BUILD CONFIDENCE!

WE'RE ALL ABOUT MAKING YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE FUN, CALM, AND SUPPORTIVE






DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS BEING HOME EDUCATED OR ON A PART-TIME TIMETABLE?
COME ALONG & JOIN US
ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.
STARTING ON THE 3RD OCTOBER 2025
10.00AM - 11.00AM
£10.00 PER CHILD WITH ACCESS TO BOTH OUR
SENSORY SOFT PLAY ROOM & OUR IMMERSIVE
EDUCATIONAL ROOM.
FUN, INTERACTIVE EDUCATION, FOR THOSE
CHILDREN THAT NEED A DIFFERENT LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT, COMBINED WITH OUR SENSORY
SOFT PLAY ROOM, STIMULATING THE SENSES
THROUGH ACTIVE PLAY
CALL TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY
TEL: 01695 455 625
MONDAY-SATURDAY 9.30 TO 5.30
2 GORSEY PLACE, EAST GILLIBRANDS, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 9UP



HALLOWEEN HALF TERM SALE

WEEKDAYS ONLY SENSORY SOFT PLAY ROOM AND IMMERSIVE ROOM*

50% OFF

TO BOOK CALL US ON 01695 455 625
*Offer applies to dates between 20th October - 24th October 2025 & 27th - 31st October 2025
2 Gorsey Place, East Gillibrands, Skelmersdale, WN8 9UP



WINTER WARMER WEEKENDS

Every Saturday and Sunday
until 21st December 2025,
both our Sensory Soft Play
and Immersive Rooms can be
booked for £20 per session!!

£20

Call us today on
01695 455 625

2 Gorsey Place, East Gillibrands, Skelmersdale, WN8 9UP



vibe Saturday Club



A fortnightly club for teens in Halton, giving young people the opportunity to meet and hang out with others their own age with SEND

Dancing



QUIZ!

Skills workshops



MUSIC

Outdoor activities



Role play



Games



Locations



Sports



Arts and Crafts



"I enjoy spending time with my mates" - Thomas



"I enjoy spending time independantly"- Jack

DM us for information on how to make a referral

Places are limited and allocated on referral

Widnes and Runcorn



vibe

SEND YOUTH CLUB

VIBES SATURDAY CLUB IS A FORTNIGHTLY SESSION IN BOTH WIDNES AND RUNCORN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 12-18 AND HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & OR DISABILITIES (SEND) AND LIVE WITHIN THE HALTON BOROUGH.

REFERRAL BY FAMILY/SOCIAL WORKER BY CONTACTING VIBE AT
JOANNE.SWINDELLS@VIBEUK.ORG



ART ACTIVITIES & DANCING



GAMES & SPORTS

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A great start for babies and young children

Everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do as a parent in the early years. That's where HENRY comes in.

The HENRY programme is free to join and helps you give your child the best possible start in life.



"This programme changed my life."

www.henry.org.uk

About the programme

The programme is for parents or carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old. It is free to join.

Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent, especially in the early years.



The HENRY *Healthy Families: Right from the Start* programme is running locally. Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefited from the support and tips it provides for young families.

Research shows that the key ingredients to ensuring babies and young children have a healthy start in life are:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activity for little ones
- What children and families eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 weeks and provides everything you need to help get your little one off to a great start.

Weekly sessions

Each week helps you provide a healthy, happy, supportive environment for the whole family.

Week 1 - Decide what changes you want to make and set your own goals

Week 2 - How to juggle life with young children so you all get what you need

Week 3 - How to respond to children's needs without giving in to all their demands

Week 4 - Positive mealtime tips for a happy family - reducing mealtime stress for everyone

Week 5 - Ideas for active play to help children learn, develop and stay happy

Week 6 - Food groups, food labels, portion sizes for under 5s, first foods, and snack swaps

Week 7 - Understanding and managing your child's behaviour for a happier home

Week 8 - Celebrate your success as a parent and plan the future for your family

"I highly recommend it. It was brilliant."



Is the HENRY programme for me?

The HENRY programme can help everyone with a baby or young child. Every parent who joins learns something new and useful.



If you have at least one child under 5 years old and can answer 'yes' to any of the questions below then HENRY is for you:

- Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
- Would you like some support to give your child a healthy start?
- Do you wish your child would eat more fruit and vegetables?
- Would you like to reduce mealtime stress?
- Would you like to enjoy being active together as a family more often?
- Are you interested in some ideas to get children away from the TV?

What is HENRY?

HENRY is a UK charity working to give babies and young children a healthy start in life.

What do other parents say about it?

- 97% of parents would recommend it
- 89% feel more confident as a parent

"I'm so glad I did this programme. Do it!"

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"

What do I get on a HENRY programme?

Every parent joining a HENRY programme receives a HENRY toolkit which includes everything you'll need during the programme and helpful resources to use in your family.

The HENRY toolkit will help you give your child a great start in life, get the whole family involved, and keep track of how well you're doing.



The HENRY Parent Toolkit - free to everyone joining a HENRY programme

How can I join a programme?

HENRY programmes are running locally. Talk to your local Children's Centre or Family Hub, Early Intervention or Family Support Service to find out more, help you decide if you would enjoy it, or to join a programme.

For more information about HENRY go to:

www.henry.org.uk
 @HENRYHealthy
 facebook.com/HENRY.HealthyFamilies
 01865 302973

Scan the QR code to book online



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SEN SWIMMING LESSONS

FULLY SUPPORTED 1-2-1 SWIMMING LESSONS FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

TEACHING ESSENTIAL WATER SAFETY AND LIFE-SAVING SKILLS AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

SUNDAYS 4:00PM-6:30PM, HALF HOUR SESSIONS, £7.50 PER LESSON
1-2-1 FUNDED BY DISABLED CHILDREN'S SERVICES

TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL JEN.PERRY@TURTLETOTS.COM



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SWIMMING LESSONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND

FOR AGES 10-19 YEARS

EVERY TUESDAY AT CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL WIDNES

SMALL CLASSES WITH TWO TEACHERS IN THE POOL
1-2-1 LESSONS AVAILABLE

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SESSION FOR SEN CHILDREN

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SWIMMING

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PAN Disability Football Session

A safe space for every child to play Football

For any child aged 5 – 11 years
Who may need some additional support

Thursdays
Term time
Starts back 11th September

4.30 – 5.15pm
£2 a session
Brookvale Recreation

For more information and to book your
child's place email Jenny on:
Jenny.zielski@halton.gov.uk

Please note: children do not need a formal diagnosis to
attend this session



Family & Friends COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE



The Studio, Lacey St, Widnes WA8 7SQ

No musical experience needed

Drums and percussion provided

Welcome to bring your own

£10.00 / Concessions £5.00

£28 Family of 4 / £18 Concession Family of 4



All Welcome

Saturday 8th November
10.30 - 11.30am

Children must be accompanied
by parent / guardian



Information contact:

steve@rhythmreaction.org

Tel. 07814045918

Daresbury Laboratory Family Science Day

Tuesday 28 October 2025

9:00am - 2:30pm | 12:30pm - 5:30pm

Science Fair

Family Show

Workshop

Tour

Limited tickets - Book at your local Family Hub now!

£5 per family, includes sandwich lunch and local coach transfer

Please note - with the exception of blue badge holders,
there will be no parking or drop off on site



Science and
Technology
Facilities Council

<https://tinyurl.com/437k5xwf>



WHAT'S ON REGULAR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

DANCE, DSC HUB
5.30PM-6.30PM
5 YEARS OLD+



WEDNESDAY

DANCE, WARRINGTON
5.30PM-6.30PM
5 YEARS OLD+



THURSDAY

DRAMA, PETTY POOL COLLEGE
4.30PM-5.30PM, 13 YEARS OLD+
DANCE, CHESTER
5PM-6PM, 5 YEARS OLD+
YOGA, DSC HUB
5.30PM-6.30PM, 5 YEARS OLD+



FRIDAY

SOCIAL CLUBS, DSC HUB
THEMES ALTERNATE WEEKLY
6.30PM-8.30PM
CHECK COACHA / WEBSITE FOR
DETAILS



SUNDAY

FOOTBALL, EGERTON FC
9.30AM-10.15AM - 6-12 YEARS OLD
10.30AM-11.30AM - 13 YEARS OLD+

TO REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES:
EMAIL ADMIN@DSCCHESHIRE.ORG.UK

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD SOLIHULL APPROACH inourplace NHS

For teenagers

Free online courses to help you understand your feelings and brain development, to support your wellbeing

- Understanding your brain development and what this means for how you feel and behave
- Understanding your feelings, your mental health and how to nurture emotional wellbeing
- How your relationships and friendships may change and why
- Written for teenagers with teenagers

Designed by clinical psychologists in partnership with practitioners and teenagers

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Understanding your child with additional needs

Free online course for all parents, carers, and grandparents.

- Reading your child's behaviour and understanding their feelings
- Effective communication techniques
- Reflecting on your relationship and how to nurture your child's emotional health
- A transformative journey that can strengthen your bond with your child at every age

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Understanding your teenager's brain

Free online course for all parents, carers, grandparents.

- Understanding your teenager's brain development in adolescence
- Reading your teenager's behaviour and understanding their feelings
- Reflecting on the importance of your relationship and how to nurture your teenager's mental health

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DAY SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH SEND

**TO BE HELD AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WIDNES, WA8 8DF MONDAY - FRIDAY
BETWEEN 9AM AND 3PM**

**PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE THROUGH COOKING SKILLS, LIFE
SKILLS, MONEY SKILLS, DOMESTIC SKILLS, DAYS OUT IN THE
COMMUNITY, BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, OUTDOOR
MULTI SPORTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, ELECTRONIC GAMING, MUSIC
WORKSHOP, LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS AND MORE**

**Spaces are limited, so please email ASAP
for more information:
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**Are you a
parent/carer
of a child
aged 2-11
years?**



Being a Parent

A free 9 weeks course delivered by local parents to local parents.

Topics covered:

- ✓ Understanding and managing your child's emotions
- ✓ Positive parenting strategies
- ✓ Looking after yourself as a parent

Find out more

email: parenting@halton.gov.uk | telephone: 0151 511 6757



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To find your nearest Family Hub visit
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email: familyhubs@halton.gov.uk

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Accessibility at Eureka!

Everyone at Eureka! Science + Discovery wants you to have the absolute best day ever. We're here to help, so if you need anything, just let us know!

- !+ Feeling like you need a break? Just ask any of our friendly staff to point you to our **chill out room**.
- !+ Need a **sensory bag** to make your day smoother? You can book one out from the Hub.
- !+ Our **Changing Places** facility is conveniently located in the Ferry Terminal.
- !+ Pick up a **sunflower lanyard** from the Hub to let us know you might need a bit of extra help.
- !+ **Ear defenders** are available at the Hub too, to keep things nice and quiet.
- !+ If you need a **wheelchair**, we've got one you can borrow. Just ask!
- !+ Our staff are **fully trained** and ready to assist you. Enjoy your day, and remember, we're here to make it amazing!



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Bitesize Practical Tips for Families



Free 45-Minute Online Workshops for Parents & Carers

Struggling with bedtime battles?

Make bedtime calmer with healthy routines and boundaries

Tired of mealtime struggles?

How to get your child to try new foods, reduce snacking and make mealtimes fun

Worried about how inactive your child is?

Find fun, simple ways to get kids active again and understand how to manage sugar without the guilt.

How to register



Scan the QR code with your phone



Choose your date and sign up



Alternatively email HIT@halton.gov.uk



How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

Where:

When:

Contact details:



familylinks.org.uk
Registered charity 1062514



The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



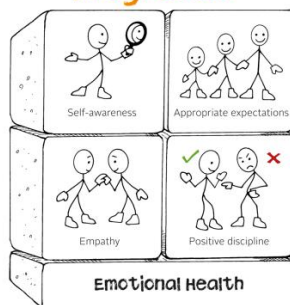
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme



What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

Understanding why children behave as they do

Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Some groups provide a creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle

the best chance in life

SEN-Friendly Events



World of Wizardry



Santa's Grotto & Elves Workshop



Storytime with Santa



Breakfast with Santa



Make a Bear Workshop



Cookie Making with Trixie & Mixie

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INCLUSIVITEE ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR CHILDREN AGED 10-18 YEARS

**TO BE HELD AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WIDNES, WA8 8DF**

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

BETWEEN 9AM AND 7PM

(TWO SESSIONS PER DAY 9AM-2PM AND 2PM-7PM)

SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

**INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS,
OUTDOOR MULTI SPORTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, ELECTRONIC
GAMING, LIFE SKILLS, BAKING, STEM, KARAOKE AND
LEGO ACTIVITIES**

Spaces are limited, so please email ASAP

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 10-18 YEARS

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OUTDOOR MULTI SPORTS, INDOOR SOFT SPORTS,
PHOTOGRAPHY, ELECTRONIC GAMING, LIFE SKILLS,
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(Home Equipment for Little People's Safety)

Halton Family Hubs Free First Aid Sessions

Gain skills and confidence in learning lifesaving first aid from one of the qualified Millie's Trust Instructors

Month - Date	Location
Thursday 23rd October 2025	Warrington Road Family Hub, Naylor Road Widnes WA8 OBS Time: 10.00 – 12.00
Thursday 20 th November 2025	Halton Lodge Hub Grangeway Runcorn WA7 5LU Time: 17.00 – 19.00
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Ditton Library 11 Queens Avenue Widnes WA8 8HR Time: 10.00 – 12.00
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	Kingsway Hub Victoria Road, Widnes WA8 7QY Time: 17.00 – 19.00
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Windmill Hill Family Hub, Norton Hill Windmill Hill Runcorn WA7 6QE Time: 10.00 – 12.00

The above sessions are bookable only

Book online via the Halton Family Hub Platform following the link below



www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/events

or

Tel. Diane Orme on 0151 511 7212 – email: Halton.helps@halton.gov.uk



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Become a Personal Assistant

Supporting children up to age of 17

Successful applicants will be employed directly by the families

Are you caring, patient, and passionate about making a difference in a child's life?

We are looking for dedicated Personal Assistants to support children and young people in their daily lives, helping them to live happily and independently in a way that suits them best.

Being a Personal Assistant is more than just a job – it's a chance to: Build meaningful relationships, Make a lasting difference in a child's life, Gain valuable skills and experience, Work in a rewarding, varied, and flexible role.



What You'll be doing

As a Personal Assistant, you will work directly with children and their families, supporting with:

- Communication and social interaction
- Physical tasks and everyday activities
- Fun and meaningful experiences tailored to each child

Experience with children is desirable, and previous work with disabilities is an advantage – but don't worry if you don't have this yet!

Training Provided

Safeguarding, Health & Safety,
Equal Opportunities, Manual Handling,
Full enhanced DBS check
(provided at no cost to you)

What we're looking for

Kind, reliable, and supportive individuals
Flexible availability (mainly outside school hours and weekends)
Willingness to learn – no formal experience required

A driver is preferred, but not essential



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Pay & Hours

Competitive rate: £12.21 per hour

Flexible hours depending on your availability and the family's needs

Interested? Let's Talk!

For more information or to apply, please contact us:

0151 422 0111 / 07944 976 579

Email: admin@positivefutureltd.co.uk



Positive Future Consultancy



Warrington Play & Sensory Centre

We have lots of fun sessions planned, and frequently host parties for everyone and other events suitable for all!

Pre-School sessions – any child under 5yrs
Adult (15+) with additional needs sessions

Soft play suitable for all ages!

Open play sessions – any child under 12 years and members

Party hire – open to all Member's only sessions
large room higher
Private School bookings
Private group bookings

Sensory room with heated waterbed!

To stay up to date with our weekly schedule, give us a like on Facebook! Just search for..
Warrington Play and Sensory Centre OR @TheRealWPSC

To book onto our current sessions and for more information, please check our website
Warrington Play and Sensory Centre | warrington.gov.uk



Centre staff team have a knowledge of information and resources to point you in the right direction alongside Early Help SEND Team being based at the centre.

Information, support and resources

To make sure everyone gets the most fun out of their visit we offer separate sessions for different age groups. Sessions are also available for groups, schools and parties.

Our opening times do vary. Up to date information on session times, prices and membership is available on our website.

Find the session that suits you and book via session bookings.

If you have any enquiries please email sensorycentre@warrington.gov.uk

Find us:
Warrington Play and Sensory Centre
 Hall Road, Woolston,
 Warrington WA1 4PN
 5 minutes from M6 Junction 21

Contact us:
 Telephone: 01925 817 347
 Email: sensorycentre@warrington.gov.uk
 Website: www.warringtonsensorycentre.org

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Leisure, play & sensory activities for disabled children, young people & adults
 5 mins from M6 Junc 21

Warrington Play & Sensory Centre



Warrington Play and Sensory Centre is an activity centre for disabled children and adults or those with additional needs. It has a number of different areas where you can relax or play.

Have a child under the age of 5? We run sessions for pre-school for any child under the age of 5 years without additional needs or disabilities.

Our facilities have been planned carefully, and are fully accessible.

active zone
 Large soft play structure with a fun sea theme. Highlights include the large soft slide, dizzy disc and ball pool. More room than usual in the structure to allow parents/carers to provide support to users as they make their way round.

calm zone

sensory room
 A calm sensory environment, which includes waterbed, bubble tube, fibre optic curtain, interactive light panel, ball pool and light projection. An overhead hoist is available.

café
 Enjoy your stay with a snack, hot food and hot or cold drink in our café area.

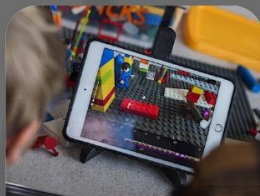
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- ✓ Meet other parent carers
- ✓ Life Skills
- ✓ Independence
- ✓ Friendship

5-7pm
24 OCTOBER, 2025

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WHATS ON OCT 2025



Click & Like

Peer to peer support
and advice

Informing ♥ Empowering ♥ Engaging



PARENT CHECK-IN

- Heath Café 16th October- 9.30-11.30 am
- Heath Café 23rd October- 9.30-11.30 am

INFO

- During October we will continue to support School's with the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme

EVENTS

- SYNC Club 18th October
- Hummingbird 24th October

E-MAIL JEN FOR INFO
Info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk

contact
For families
with disabled children

LEARN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

LEVEL 1 & 2 AWARD
(Accredited with Signature)

Signature

- Level 1 accredited qualification (includes 3 assessments)
- Level 2 accredited qualification (includes 3 assessments)

For more information about our courses please visit:
www.deafnessresourcecentre.org/training/british-sign-language

or contact us: training@deafnessresourcecentre.org

BSL Accredited Course

"The tutor was fantastic and really made the course fun and interesting. I really enjoyed learning BSL and was sad that the course had to end".
Course Student

please
enquire for
costs



HOW TO CONTACT US

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TRAINING AND LEARNING



Learn with us:

British Sign Language Courses
(accredited and non-accredited courses)

Deaf Awareness Courses



DEAF AWARENESS TRAINING

DEAF AWARENESS SESSIONS COVER

- Deaf awareness
- Deaf culture
- Working with D/deaf* people
- Effective communication
- Working with interpreters
- Basic BSL (on half day training)

starting
from
£100

We can deliver training at various settings to meet the needs of the organisation, this may include:

- schools
- hospitals
- children's centres
- health care settings
- plus many more...



To get the most out of your training, we recommend the half day training which includes basic British Sign Language. We offer:

- 2 hour Deaf Awareness training
- 4 hour Deaf Awareness training
- for both courses a maximum of 20 participants required

*D/deaf is a collective term used to describe people who are profoundly deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or deafblind.

LEARN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

(Non-Accredited)

An introduction to basic British Sign Language for all. This course is an introduction to British Sign Language delivered over for 1 hour for 6 weeks and can be delivered to:

- children and young people (from the age of 2yrs -18yrs)
- adults
- organisations and businesses



For the accredited courses please see the inside fold page.

Contact us...

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ICAN SIGN (FOR CHILDREN)

(Non-Accredited)

Learn basic BSL in a fun and interactive session, they can be booked for various groups, such as:

- coffee mornings
- after school clubs
- youth clubs
- charity groups



We can work with your organisation to develop sessions based on the needs of your participants.

ICAN Sign can be delivered to children from the age of 2 years.

- Maximum of 15 participants
- 45 minute session

please
enquire for
costs

Deaf Awareness Training

"I have just attended the half day training, delivered by staff at the DRC. I just want to say it is the best and most valuable 4 hrs I have ever spent in a classroom. The delivery was absolutely brilliant".

Whiston Hospital, Staff Nurse



COMMENTS

“ My son was often isolated, struggling to communicate and had low self-esteem. After receiving support from the Deafness Resource Centre, my son felt comfortable and realised that he wasn't the only child with hearing loss. After attending every week, his confidence increased, and his self-esteem improved. He formed friendship groups and his communication skills improved. ”



“ After attending the youth club, I have learned new skills and better communication. ”

“ After taking part in the youth residential, I did activities I didn't like, I was scared and thought I couldn't do it, but I got the confidence to do it and really enjoyed it. The residential was great! It boosted my confidence and skills. ”



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Our Services

Children and Young People

We offer a wide range of support services and activities for D/deaf children and young people aimed at reducing isolation, growing confidence and enabling greater independence:

- Youth Clubs
- Peer Support and Role Models
- Social Groups
- Work Experience
- Youth Residentials
- Children's Play Activities

Family Support

Our family support services have been developed in response to the needs identified by families living with deafness or hearing loss. Our experienced staff team offer support to families from the point of diagnosis and at any stage throughout their journey, offering a range of services:

- Advice and Information
- Family Sign Sessions
- One to Ones
- Happy Hands (Family Support Group)
- Social Groups
- Drop Ins
- Peer Support



Specialist support includes supporting parents/carers with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), benefit claim forms and attending statutory meetings such as Child Protection Conferences. We also support parents/carers seeking an appropriate education setting to ensure that the needs of the child or young person are met.

Training and Learning

We offer non accredited and accredited training through our affiliation with the awarding body **Signature**. Our training and learning includes:

- Introduction to BSL
- Signing Sessions
- Deaf Awareness
- British Sign Language Level 1 & 2

Eligibility

The family, children and young people services we provide are open to anyone living in the Merseyside Region who is living with deafness or hearing loss. Alongside funding from BBC Children in Need, a new initiative (I CAN), funded by Lottery Community Fund, has enabled us to expand our work into other parts of the region. All the services are free to the individual (with some exceptions of training and learning sessions).



How to get involved in the project





What are Direct Payments?

A Direct Payment is money from your local authority allowing you to buy the care your child needs instead of having services organised by them.

You have the right to choose direct payments rather than getting support organised by your local authority. If you are already getting help from the local authority, you can ask for direct payments instead.

If you do not currently get help, you will first need to ask social services to assess your child's care needs. You can only get direct payments if you have been assessed by social services as needing care and support services.

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Who can receive Direct Payments?

- ✓ Those with Parental Responsibility for a disabled child under 16.
- ✓ A person with Parental Responsibility can receive direct payments for a disabled child or young person if they have been assessed by the Local Authority as eligible for a service.
- ✓ If a disabled child or young person is not receiving the appropriate services from the Local Authority or their needs have changed, a reassessment should be requested.
- ✓ Disabled young people aged 16 or 17.

Where a child or young person has an Education, Health & Social Care Plan, direct payments can be made to:

- ✓ A person who is a parent of the child;
- ✓ The young person if they are over 16; or
- ✓ A nominee who has been nominated in writing, by the child's parent or young person, to receive the direct payments on their behalf.

How the Deafness Resource Centre can support you.

There are many organisations providing care services including the Deafness Resource Centre who are approved to provide care, support, and activities for D/deaf children and young people.

You can use Direct Payments to buy services from an organisation or service provider that offers care, such as a private agency, a voluntary organisation such as the Deafness Resource Centre or a nursery. Alternatively, you can employ someone yourself (known as a Personal Assistant – PA).

You can find out more information about Direct Payments and how to apply by visiting the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-direct-payments>

Here you can select the location you live, and it will direct you to the relevant local authority.

The Deafness Resource Centre can support with:

- ✓ Develop life skills such as cookery, independent travel, shopping, budgeting.
- ✓ Exploring and developing hobbies, interests and trying new experiences.
- ✓ Encourage positive friendships and role models.
- ✓ Increase confidence and motivation.
- ✓ Visit places of interest and days out.

If you are already receiving a Personal Budget or Direct Payments and would like to nominate the [Deafness Resource Centre](#) as your preferred supplier then you are more than welcome to arrange a meeting here, or at a place of your choosing, to discuss things further.

For more information about how we can support you please contact: 01744 23887
or email: ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org



Halton funded Short Breaks 2025-26

Halton Short Breaks sessions are for young people in Halton (aged 7-17yrs) with a disability/additional needs

Date	Timings	Activity	Pick up	Pick up	Drop off	Drop off	Places available	Cost
			Brindley Theatre	Halton Stadium	Halton Stadium	Brindley Theatre		
Monday 27 th October	11am-2pm	Pizza Making / Sports activities @ Ashley High School	No pick ups	No pick ups	No drop offs	No drop offs	12	£3
			Brindley Theatre	Halton Stadium	Halton Stadium	Brindley Theatre		
Tuesday 28 th October	10am – 11.45am	Ninja Warrior, Speke	9.10am	9.20am	12.10pm	12.20pm	12	£3
			Brindley Theatre	Halton Stadium	Halton Stadium	Brindley Theatre		
Wednesday 29 th October	TBC	Reel Cinema, Widnes	No pick ups	No pick ups	No drop offs	No drop offs	10	£3

- First come first served basis for bookings
- To **BOOK ON** call us on **07975784613** or email- mark.dolan@evertonfc.com
- We will need to take some details of the participant and parent / guardian for consent
- Please inform us of any dietary requirements if booking onto **Pizza making at Ashley High School** and **Ninja Warrior, Speke**. For **Ninja Warrior** we usually get pizza and chips at the venue
- **Cinema** showing will be confirmed nearer the time when the films are released for them dates

If for any reason you cannot make one of the activities you have booked on to – PLEASE try to inform us with enough notice where possible in order for us to arrange for someone else to attend and save the place going to waste – Thanks!



FREE

creative hangout

A club for young adults from Halton with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to meet new people and try creative activities!



date:

Wednesdays
12th November
- 17th December

time:

5:00 pm
- 7:00 pm

age:

For people
with SEND aged
14 - 25 from Halton



The Autism Wellbeing Project, Widnes

sign up now:

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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 us know and we will try to include it next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let us know.

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