

Community Short Breaks Grant



The Grant may be used on a wide range of leisure activities dependent on your child's interests. Children in Derby are currently using their grant to enjoy activities, such as:

- 1-1 swimming lessons
- 1-1 yoga sessions
- Piano lessons
- Martial arts classes
- Sailing club
- Theme parks
- Wrestling Club
- Football coaching
- Sensory soft play sessions
- Ice skating
- Horse riding
- Holiday clubs
- Group activities and play sessions with other children.

If a child needs specialist equipment to take part in leisure activities (e.g. prescription goggles for swimming) this may be acceptable in some circumstances but must be agreed by us in advance.



You may not use the Grant on any of the following:

- For making cash-in-hand payments to procure services or support.
- To employ a personal assistant, even if they are self-employed.
- To buy services from us unless otherwise agreed
- For non-statutory liabilities, such as tips, bonuses, or ex gratia payments
- For anything that is illegal
- For an activity or item that exposes any individual to serious risk of harm;
- For anything else that has not been agreed by us.

For items, goods or services that do not provide activities in the community for your child, such as:



- To buy resources in the home such as toys, games, play or sensory equipment, IT equipment, computer games, garden play items or gym equipment.
- Clothing.
- Household expenses, such as groceries or personal items.
- Personal care expenses such as spa treatments, hairdressing, etc.
- Utility bills, TV Licence, Council Tax.
- Takeaway food and takeaway food deliveries.
- Mobile phone repair and bills/top up.
- Subscriptions for household services, such as streaming services like Amazon or Netflix etc.
- Direct Debits/Standing Orders (unless subscriptions paid for the identified activity).

On costs that any parent/carer would usually pay for their child, **regardless of their disability**, such as:

- Activities, days out or holidays for the whole family.
- Hire of holiday accommodation, caravans, camp site or flight costs.
- Transport (mileage, petrol, taxis, trains, and parking costs for your child to attend activities and return home). This should be funded by DLA/PIP payments.
- Incidental costs such as meals and refreshments.
- Siblings and/or friends to join your child in the activities.

If you have any questions, please email us at communityshortbreaks@derby.gov.uk

