Short Breaks can give enjoyable experiences for disabled children and young people either with or away from their primary carers. They can also be a break for parents and families from their caring responsibilities.

Rotherham Council supports providers to deliver a range of services to meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Rotherham Council’s current commissioned Short Breaks services are listed below. If you would like to take part in any of the Short Breaks mentioned please contact the provider directly.

Rotherham Parent Carers Forum (RPCF) provides a range of family activities located throughout the borough. These activities include family swimming, trampolining at the Jump Stars sessions and a range of soft play activities. To book on to an activity or just find out what else RPCF has to offer visit their newly redesigned website at: www.RPCF.co.uk or contact: 01709 296262.

Rotherhams Early Help service has also set up two new activities to go alongside their already popular Elephants in Steps Club. These new clubs are called The Buddies (Friendship with a twist of Zen) and Tumbi Club (Junior Elephants in Step) further details on the activities can be found within the newsletter.

Nexus Multi Academy Trust Extended Services offer a range of weekly after school and monthly Saturday clubs to meet the needs of children and young people aged two to 19 with Severe Learning Difficulties, specifically Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD). Activities include soft play, music, arts and crafts, sports, multi-sensory room, outdoor learning and computing.

For more information on Nexus MAT Short Breaks contact the Nexus MAT Co-ordinator on 07921 466868 or email ESC@nexusmat.org (Please note office working days are Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm).

Alternatively you can contact your child’s school or your child / young person’s social worker or family support worker.

To receive this newsletter for free register online at: www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=980
Camelot’s play castle 19th December
5.45pm to 7.15pm
Come join us have a chat with other parents/carers, have a cuppa and chill while the little ones play.
The Old Church, Tenter Street, Rotherham, S60 1LB

JUMP STARS 2nd January 5pm
A monthly adapted trampolining session for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families.
Please arrive at Jump Inc. at least 10 minutes early to complete the registration process and on arrival please report to reception and let them know you are here for the Jump Stars session.

To book visit www.rpcf.co.uk phone:
01709 296262

Future Stars Football camp!
Rotherham United Community Sports Trusts Future Stars Holiday Camp is back at Parkgate Astro.
January 3rd to 5th 2018, 10am to 3pm for 5 to 14 year old boys and girls.
An opportunity to come and learn new football skills in a fun and safe environment, sessions are designed to be accessible to all abilities.

There will be gifts for all who attend as well as loads of prizes to be won! The participants will also have the opportunity to meet Rotherham United FC players (Subject to availability).

Contact 01709 827767 for more information.
**The museum is open on the second Sunday of each month from 10.30am to 4pm. The next open day is Sunday 14th January 2018**

You can view the exhibits and vehicles in both of our display areas.

Workshop tours are conducted upon request where you can view ongoing restoration projects.

General enquiries: You can speak to David Dean on 07852 298082

www.sytm.co.uk

Facebook South Yorkshire Transport Museum

We are located on Waddington Way, just off Aldwarke Lane (A6123) in Aldwarke, Rotherham, S65 3SH.

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**Tumbi Club Junior Elephants**

in Step Club (EISC) is for disabled children aged 7 to 12 years. It is staffed by experienced Early Help workers and specialist support staff. Each month there is a themed activity night 4.30pm to 7pm at Dalton Youth Centre.

Activities include: Arts and crafts, themed game, karaoke and music

Taxis can be booked by ringing 01709 255266 these must be booked at least five days before the session.

There is a ‘best dressed’ prize each month for those young people that might like to get dressed up though this is not compulsory.

New members will need to complete a registration form before taking part.

For further information please contact Claire Haddon on 07791789570

**The next sessions is on Tuesday 23rd January.**

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**The Buddies**

(Friendship with a twist of Zen) is a new free of charge monthly youth club for young people with disabilities aged 11 to 19

The next sessions will run from 5pm to 7.30pm at:

**The Place**

Monday 8th January

Treeton

Tuesday 9th January

Dalton

Wednesday 10th January

The aims of the project are to:

- start to promote independence
- promote socialisation and friendship
- provide short breaks

There is no transport to and from the sessions which are staffed by two youth workers and two support staff at a minimum. Personal care can be provided but young people with complex needs would need to be accompanied by a carer.

The youth clubs will include monthly themes and activities, arts and crafts, competitive games, cooking and music/dance.

**Refreshments will be provided.**

Each new member will need to complete a registration form.

Please email claire.haddon@rotherham.gov.uk or text 07791789570 for more information.

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**The LGBT group**

is for young people aged 13 to 19 who identify as Lesbian Gay Bisexual or Transgender or questioning.

The group provides support for young people in Rotherham.

LGBT group meets on a Tuesday, 6pm to 9pm at a confidential location.

**Contact 07887057462 for more information.**
Positive Futures a course for young people

Are you aged 16 to 24 years with a learning disability/difficulty?
You can take part in:
- Community Impact Project
- Employability Skills
- Supported Work Placement
- Money Management
- Fund Raising Project

The Positive Futures course starts on 3rd January 2018 and lasts for 22 weeks.

For more information or to make a referral please contact: Kelly Birkin – Facilitator
Mobile: 07966238608
Email: Kelly.birkin@mencap.org.uk

Chris Ratcliffe – Co-ordinator
Mobile: 07966251529
Email: Christopher.ratcliffe@mencap.org.uk

Have your say on learning disability services in Rotherham

Residents – and in particular children and young people – are being encouraged to have their say on the provision of services for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism. They are also encouraged to highlight the consultation to friends and family who may be affected.

The consultation is open until Friday 22nd December and looks at options around shaping care around individual circumstances, enabling people to exercise choice and maintain control over their own lives, whilst ensuring that the offer is value for money.

It covers three types of provision, in-house day centres, respite and residential care, and comes following Cabinet approval for a report on the Council’s learning disability offer and future of in-house services for adults with a learning disability and/or autism.

To find out more and comment visit www.rotherham.gov.uk/consultation

For up to date information on activities and events for disabled children or to go to:
www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org or contact Andy Lound tel: 01709 336423
email: andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk

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