

## What is Aiming High Home and Community Support?

Aiming High Home and Community Support Service provides one-to-one support for children and young people with a disability in their own homes or in the community.

## Who is eligible for funding?

- ✓ The child or young person has a disability
- ✓ The child or young person is aged between 0 and 18 years of age
- ✓ The child or young person lives in the Kingston or Richmond boroughs

## Who can apply for this funding?

A parent or carer can apply.

## Costs

There is no charge for the support provided. However, parents or carers are required to meet the expenses of the activity and travel costs for both the child or young person and the support worker when they are out together.

## What happens next?

If the support package is agreed by the Short Break Panel, a home visit from the Home Community Support team will be arranged. The scheme will be explained in further detail and discussions of possible support workers available to support the child or young person will take place.

## What is the Sitting Service?

Families that are accessing the Aiming High Home and Community Support Service in Richmond are eligible for the Sitting Service.

## Costs

The Sitting Service costs £8 an hour. Each family will be offered 18 hours of sitting vouchers each six month period. Parents and carers will be invoiced on a monthly basis and payment is expected by return.

## For further information

And to receive an application form, please contact the Short Breaks Coordinator, Gabrielle Rayner or Stacey Bolster

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# Aiming High Short Break funding

# Short break activities for children and young people with disabilities

A guide for parents and carers



## What is Aiming High Activity Fund funding for?

The funding pays for your child to attend either a mainstream or specialist out of school activity (after school, weekend or holiday club) or a leisure activity (swimming lessons, dance, football etc). You can also apply for annual membership eg, Merlin Pass (for the child with disabilities, a carer's pass is free).

It cannot be used for any kind of equipment, a holiday or activity that has already happened, specialist services run by Achieving for Children (AfC) or commissioned Aiming High short break services.

## In certain circumstances

A contribution towards a holiday for the child with disabilities or towards a family holiday can be paid. Please see the Activity Fund application form for information on the criteria for funding towards holidays.

## Who is eligible for funding?

- ✓ The child or young person must live in the boroughs of Kingston or Richmond
- ✓ The child or young person must have a diagnosed disability
- ✓ The child or young person must be under 18 years of age

## Who can apply for this funding?

The parent or carer of a child with a disability, social worker, family support worker or an information and advice organisation can complete the form on behalf of a parent or carer.

## Is there a cap on funding?

A maximum of £140 will be considered per child or young person per 12 month period (1 April to 31 March). You can only apply once in the 12 month period.

## How is the activity paid for?

AfC will liaise with the provider and request an invoice for the short break activities your the child will be accessing. AfC will pay providers within 30 days of receiving an invoice.

In circumstances where the activities requested are not taking place immediately and the parent or carer is unable to book, an application can still be made and if agreed, AfC can provide the cost of the activity (up to £140) in advance.

When the parent or carer pays for the activities, the receipt/s for the activities must be provided to the Short Breaks Team. Failure to do so will mean funding cannot be claimed the following year.

## For further information

And to receive an application form please contact:

The Activity Fund Administrator  
The Moor Lane Centre, Moor Lane, Chessington, KT9 2AA  
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## What is Additional Support funding for?

The funding is used to enhance staff ratios and training to enable children and young people with disabilities to access mainstream out-of-school short break activities. It will also support families by giving parents and carers a break from their caring duties.

## Who is eligible for funding?

- ✓ The child or young person has a diagnosed disability
- ✓ The child or young person is aged between 0 and 18 years of age
- ✓ The child or young person lives Kingston or Richmond boroughs
- ✓ Inclusion is the primary purpose of the application for funding

## Who can apply for this funding?

Please inform your child's short break provider that they can apply for this funding using the contact details below.

## Is there a cap on funding?

Yes, your short break provider can apply for up to a maximum of £85 a week.

## How is the activity paid for?

The provider of the short break activity invoices Achieving for Children who arrange payment.

## For further information

And to receive an application form please contact the Inclusion Development Officer in the borough the child or young person lives in.

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