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Dear parents and carers,

**Flexible use of the Activity Fund for children and young people with disabilities.**

We are writing to inform you that due to the current situation and restrictions in place, the way in which we offer the Activity Fund will be flexible. The Activity Fund usually provides £140.00 towards activities for eligible children and young people to take part in, each financial year. These activities include activities such as swimming sessions, annual passes, and activity clubs during term time and during school holidays. As these activities remain unavailable for the foreseeable future, we are offering alternative use of the Activity Fund until the usual activities can be accessed again.

Examples of activity options that may be agreed:

|                |                                   |  |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Bubble machine | Keyboard/ electronic device       | Online course e.g. art/<br>photography class |
| Trampoline     | Garden toys                       | Sensory lights                               |
| Board games    | Online subscriptions e.g.<br>Zoom | Instruments                                  |
| Bicycle        | Online fitness classes            | Easel  |
| Scooter        |                                   |  |

Terms and conditions:

- Applications must be for children and young people who are eligible for the Activity Fund (details can be found on the AfC SEND Local Offer - [https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/local\\_offer](https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer)).
- Applications must be for an activity that can take place safely within the home or outdoor space around the home.
- Applications must be for an activity that can be participated in more than once or the activity must have a lasting impact/ a benefit ongoing after the crisis e.g. a one off online class which teaches a skill that will be maintained, or reusable equipment.
- Applications must be for an activity that the child or young person enjoys.
- Applications can be made for up to £140.00 which is the maximum amount of Activity Fund that can be applied for per financial year (1<sup>st</sup> of April to 1<sup>st</sup> of March), if the full amount is not used during this current flexible funding time period, one further application can be made for once usual activities reopen for use of the remainder of the £140.00 towards activities for the eligible child or young person.

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Terms and conditions continued:

- If an application is made and agreed for £140.00 worth of activities during this time, another application for the Activity Fund will not be able to be made until next financial year - April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.
- Only one application for flexible funding can be made during this period.

Applications should be made via the AfC SEND Local Offer ([https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/local\\_offer](https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer)). Using the search bar, type 'Activity Fund' and then the search button which will take you to the page where the online application can be found.

If you do not have internet access or have any questions please contact the Activity Fund Administrator:

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We hope that you find the flexible use of the Activity Fund useful throughout the current time. We will continue to monitor and review our funding offer to ensure that we do our best to provide support going forward.

Best regards,

Geraldine Burgess

Short Breaks Operations Manager

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