

Spa Camberwell, Southampton Way, SE5 7EW
A special school for pupils with autism



March 8th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Living Eggs

We've enjoyed watching the chicks hatch this week. We have eight so far. They will be with us for one more week.



World Book Day

We had some wonderful characters on Thursday and students enjoyed lots of books.



Community Learning

Some of our Key Stage 4 students visited the Globe Theatre to see an exciting production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. It was a very exciting play.



Travel Training – 3N took part in travel training on Wednesday. They demonstrated increasing independence in the community.



3F enjoyed a visit to Vauxhall City Farm this week.



Measles

[Measles](#) is a serious illness that can cause brain damage and other life-long complications, and leads to around 20% of those infected having to spend time in hospital. Measles is spreading in South London due to low MMR uptake. Children and young people aged under 25 are being particularly encouraged to make sure they have had two doses of MMR vaccine, as younger people are more likely to catch measles. Anyone who works in a busy environment or has lots of contact with children and young people should also make sure they are up to date. To help people who have not had two doses of their MMR vaccine catch-up, Southwark are organising a series of community clinics in Southwark libraries. The first catch-up clinic is being held on

Saturday 16th March between 11am and 3.30pm at Peckham Library. [Book a slot at the clinic here](#). It is open to anyone who has not previously had a dose of MMR vaccine, or has only had one dose previously.

Southwark Short Breaks Service

Voice Ability Thriving Together - Shared Learning Event on Thursday 21 March 2024, 1-5pm

VoiceAbility will be hosting a shared learning event which will include training sessions, including introduction to Makaton, communication and behaviour, facilitating activities for SEND young people. To book your place(s) scan the QR code in the attached flyer. For more information visit [VoiceAbility | Speak Out Southwark - Thriving Together](#) or email thrivesouthwark@voiceability.org.

Resource for Autism - Workshop

Resources for Autism invite you to our in-person event, marking the conclusion of their **New Deal for Young People Mentoring Programme**. **This will be a wonderful chance to look at mentoring through the autism lens**. **Resource for Autism** welcomes community members to **discover new insights** through a mixture of discussion and interactive workshops, highlighting the importance and impact of inclusive mentoring practice on autistic young people.

Date: 26 March 2024

Time: 10 am – 1.30 pm (including welcome teas/coffees and networking lunch). Doors open at 9.30 am.

Location: [10 Union Street, London, SE1 1SZ](#)

Please be sure to RSVP to info@resourcesforautism.org.uk by **Friday, 29 February**, with your name and email address. Please also include any allergies and dietary requirements.

Whippersnappers have now opened for Easter registrations via this link

<https://eequ.org/whippersnappers>.

Please see the letter from Southwark below about the Short Breaks Service. There are a range of programmes available in the holidays. Please do talk to Harriet if you need any help applying.

Best wishes,

Steph Lea

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Executive Headteacher



Dear Parent or Carer

Re: Changes to Targeted Short Breaks in Southwark

We are writing to notify you of a change to Targeted Short Breaks in Southwark. Targeted Short Breaks are clubs and activities specifically for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), funded by Southwark Council.

Last year we invited providers to apply for funding to deliver Targeted Short Breaks over the next 3 years. We are pleased to announce that the following providers will start to deliver activities from 1st April 2024:

Sport Works: Sport Works will deliver sport and physical activity clubs after-school, at weekends and during school holidays, for children and young people aged 5-18. Activities will include dodgeball, basketball, parachute games, football, fitness workouts and much more. Support will be provided at a general staff ratio of 1 to 4, but the provider can be flexible to accommodate a range of needs.

Endorphins: Endorphins will deliver school holiday play schemes and occasional weekend sessions for children and young people aged 8-19. Activities will include art, crafts, games, sensory activities, yoga and much more. Support will be provided at a general staff ratio of 1 to 3 with a designated number of 1 to 1 places available each day for children or young people that require a higher level of support.

Whippersnappers: Whippersnappers will deliver a varied programme of holiday and Saturday sessions for children and young people aged 5-19 that require a higher level of support. Support will be provided at a standard ratio of 1 to 1 to meet the needs of children and young people with additional support requirements.

Please note: Due to high demand, holiday provision will be capped to a maximum of 10 days provision per child per year (subject to availability).

Eligibility criteria

To access these activities, your child or young person must meet the targeted short breaks eligibility criteria i.e.

General criteria (staff ratio of 1:3 or 1:4)

- 5-19
- Southwark resident
- EHCP and unable to access universal services due to level of need and/or require additional support

Further support needs (staff ratio of 1:1)

In addition to criteria above:

- Attend a special school (in or out of borough) and/ or open to All Age Disability Service in Southwark
- Severe or complex learning disability, physical disability and/or health condition

Registering for short breaks

If you wish to access any of these activities, please register via the new booking platform from **Tuesday 5th March 2024**, at www.eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks.

For the higher needs provision (1-to-1 spaces), eligible families will receive a specific booking link from their assigned practitioner or special school.

If you have any problems registering for the new provision please email thriveto25@southwark.gov.uk or speak to your social worker or assigned practitioner (if applicable).

In addition to the activities outlined above, you can find more information about a wide range of services and activities at www.localoffer.southwark.gov.uk

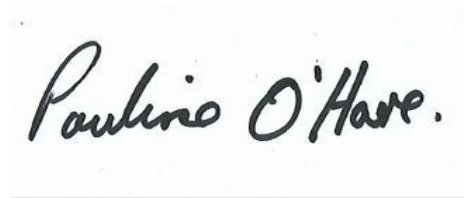
Existing clubs and activities

The changes mean that some existing clubs will no longer receive funding from

Southwark Council's Short Breaks Service from 1st April. This includes the PE & School Sports Network Saturday Club at Bacon's College, and Salmon Youth Centre's

'Mixables' club. We acknowledge and greatly appreciate the support these organisations have provided to Southwark families to date.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline O'Hare." The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Pauline O'Hare
Director of Adult Social Care