

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



March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

March has arrived and hopefully Spring is on the way. It certainly will be at Spa Camberwell over the next two weeks as our Living Eggs arrive on Monday.

We will be observing the eggs each day and watching them hatch. Hopefully we will be able to add photos and video on our website regularly throughout the week.

### Ranger Stu

We had a great visit on Thursday. You can see how exciting it was from the photos here.





## **World Book Day**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** is World Book Day. We will be sharing our favourite books. Staff and students are invited to wear a character costume if they would like to.

## **Southwark Short Breaks Service**

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

Pauline O'Hare  
Director of Adult Social Care  
Adult Social Care  
Southwark Council

Date: 28 February 2024

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.localoffer.southwark.gov.uk)

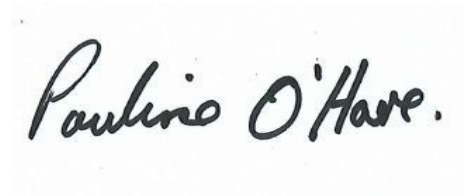
## Existing clubs and activities

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

Southwark Council's Short Breaks Service from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Pauline O'Hare  
Director of Adult Social Care