

MAY 2022

WIGWAM NEWSLETTER

Dear All,

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We are currently just starting the Jubilee week and I hope you are all enjoying the various events on around the island. It does seem to me that anyone doing the same job for 70 years deserves a big party!

Playscheme Places



We are in the final stages of sorting out the sponsored workers for the summer playscheme.

You can apply for places from 6th June.

If you want a sponsored place, a Wigwam Playscheme worker is allocated just two children to support. **You need to notify Wigwam first for those places.**

Text: 0783121678

Email: Susie.gallienne@wigwam.org.gg

I will allocate your child a Wigwam worker on the days you request and then send you the form to apply for the place. This will have Wigwam Sponsored place on the top of the form so that the Youth Commission know.

You need to fill in the form and send it in to the Youth Commission with payment. **Notifying Wigwam will not save you the place. A place is not secured until the form is sent to the Youth Commission and the place paid for.**

We have 120 days' worth of places this summer. If you have two children or more you want to have a place, regardless of whether they have additional needs, Wigwam will pay for places for more than one child. (As usual, if you need support to pay for one child, contact us in confidence) Places cost £26 a day, £13 a half day and you can choose either mornings or afternoons.



T: 07839 121678

W: www.wigwam.org.gg

E: support@wigwam.org.gg

Wigwam Mums Christmas Lunch

Please let Susie know if you would like to attend the Wigwam Mums Christmas Lunch being hosted on the 25th November 2022 at The Wayside Cheer.



Family Museum Card

All families are entitled to apply for a Museum Card. This costs £20 a year per adult and all children with that adult go into the museums free all year. To apply, go to Candie Museum, Castle Cornet or the Cup and Saucer shipwreck museum. So, in the holidays you could go into the Museums free as often as you like.



Playscheme Places (cont.)

The playscheme takes children from Reception to Year five (going into Year 6). This includes children who are home schooled between these ages. They cannot take children who have just finished Year 6.

This year the Youth Commission has had to move out of the old St Peter Port school site (as it is being developed into a Sixth Form Center) so **Playscheme will be at Beaucamp School this summer**. If you do not have any way to get there, let us know and we will see what we can do to help.

Children will be supported by Wigwam sponsored workers, but they cannot guarantee total supervision at all times. Children will join in with the main playscheme and the sponsored worker will be available:

- if they need extra support to participate,
- if their additional needs mean that they cannot join in every activity or,
- if they need time out of the main activity for some reason.

Parents are not allowed to stay with children beyond settling them in. However, we can arrange for children to come up to see the site and to meet their worker before the Playscheme starts if that would be helpful.

Equipment and Adaptations Survey

The GDA would like ask parents some questions about equipment and adaptations. The GDA are attempting to assess what this provision is like for children with additional needs. Please reply direct to carol@disabilityalliance.org.gg.

1. Have you ever applied to ESS for support under Section 10?
2. Did you know you could apply for a States grant or loan under Section 10?
3. How did you find out you could apply for a States grant or loan towards the cost of equipment, aid or adaptations?
4. What support or advice did you get in making that application?
5. Was the application for someone over or under 18yrs old?
6. Should there be a consolidated equipment library in the community on which people with a disability or their carers could draw on when they needed?
7. What the current system feels like, is it meeting the need?
8. Were you/Are people, helped through the system by particular professionals, perhaps your GP or the community occupational therapists?

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