



*Action for  
Children*

# **Fun** for **everyone**

**Aiming High Activity Programme**  
**For Disabled Children in Stoke-on-Trent**

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**Jan to Mar 2023**











## **Welcome to our Winter 2023 activity programme**

Action for Children has been the lead provider for the programme for many years now and the time has really flown by. We have as you are all aware had a lot of changes and fluctuation in the programme. However we are happy to be in a position where we can offer the full quarters programme again.

Head to page 8 to find out what's on.

### **About Stoke Aiming High**

We run fun activities for disabled children, young people and their families in Stoke-on-Trent.

You can get creative at our cookery, arts and crafts, and music sessions, or get active at our sensory play, trampolining and swimming groups. There are trips to the cinema, meals out and gaming sessions, too.

We – Action for Children – run all the activities. But it's our brilliant local partners that really make things happen.

### **About Action for Children**

We believe every child and young person should have a safe and happy childhood, and the foundations they need to thrive.

For disabled children, this means celebrating small steps and making long-term plans. Our activities and short breaks give children and their carers some time out, and the chance to try new things. This builds confidence and independence, and helps every child to fulfil their potential.

## ***The fun starts here***

### **Get registered**

Don't miss out – make sure your child is signed up by emailing us at:  
**[web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk)**

### **Choose your activity**

You are able to book: 1 core activity for January, 2 core activities for February, and 1 core activity for March.

Let us know which activity your child wants to do, and we'll then confirm their place. If you'd like to book extra activities, give us a ring or send us an email after the tenth of the month. We'll explain how it works and how much you'll need to pay.

### **Telling us you can't make it**

We completely understand that you might need to cancel. Please let us know as soon as possible. The sooner we know, the sooner we can offer a place to another child.

We look forward to seeing you at one (or more!) of our activities.

# In the know

## How many core (free) activities can I book?

You are able to book 1 core activity for January, 2 core activities for February, and 1 core activity for March.

## How many extra activities can I book?

As many as you like, as long as there's space! The cost of extra activities is:

- £5 for up to three hours.
- £7.50 for up to five hours.
- £8.50 for five hours, including transport from a central meeting point.
- £7 for a family activity.

## Do you allocate activities on a first come, first served basis?

Nope, we don't. When you ring up, give us a few choices and we'll look at your child's activity history. This means activities are allocated fairly, and all children get to take part.

## How do I pay for activities and transport?

You can pay by:

- Cheque made payable to Action for Children. Post it to our office: The Brook Centre, Stanier Street, Newcastle, ST5 2SU.
- Cash or card at the office (we're open Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm).
- Postal order sent to our office.
- Credit or debit card over the phone. Call us on 01782 982250.

## When do I need to pay?

Either when you book or by the end of the month in which your activity(ies) take place.

## I forgot to call or email within the booking

## period – can we still take part?

Don't worry. Give us a call and we'll see what we can do.

## I can't get through on the booking line. How else can I book?

You can email:

**[web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk)**

Send us your core (free) activity choice between the first and tenth of the month. If you'd like to book extra activities, give us a ring or send us an email after the tenth of the month. You can send us as many choices as you like. We'll then send you a confirmation letter.

We check our emails Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

## Is an activity suitable for my child?

There are symbols next to each activity, which tell you more about what's involved. The suggested age is only a guide, except for activities listed by the team at Family Focus, who can only accept children under 12. Give us a ring if you're not sure about anything.

## My child lives in Staffordshire, can we come along?

Yes, of course! Families that live in Staffordshire can book activities from the 11th of each month, all activities must be paid for.

## Do you provide transport?

Give us a call if you think transport might stop your child from taking part. We'll work out the best way around this and let you know if any costs are involved.

We're here to help. If you have any questions, please call or send us an email.

# Your voice, your say

## **Get in touch**

We want to know what you think about the activities and whether there's anything new you'd like to see. Please tell us what your children think, too!

Have your say by calling us on 01782 982250 or emailing:  
**[web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk)**

## **Making a complaint**

We take every complaint seriously. We promise to help you quickly and in a friendly way.

Please get in touch with the office and ask to speak to a service coordinator. You can also email us using the contact form on the website or write us a letter. If you'd like to speak to someone who's not from the service, please write to:

Complaints Manager  
Action for Children  
3 The Boulevard  
Ascot Road  
Watford, WD18 8AG



# Our amazing partners

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## **Gifted – DJ and production workshops**

The workshops give disabled children an opportunity to explore their creative talent through music production. Using contemporary mediums, Gifted works with disabled children and young people, young people not in employment, education or training. Each workshop is fun and develops confidence, independence, personal and social development.



## **Helping Angels**

Supporting vulnerable adults and children with complex needs and disabilities and their families to reach their full potential across Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.

Helping Angels is a LTD Company and Charity. Our object is to relieve the needs of adults and children with disabilities and complex needs in Stoke-on-Trent and the County of Staffordshire for the public benefit. We do this by enabling them to explore activities that will promote independence and develop their skills and abilities.



## **Family Focus Staffordshire**

Teams work across the county to make sure every child that comes to the activity has a fun time in a safe environment. Children make friends and parents have a well-deserved break. The sessions are personalised to meet the needs of the individual children attending on the day. One-to-one care is available and staff have NVQ Level 3 qualifications plus safeguarding, Makaton and behaviour management training. All activities are suitable for children up to 11-years-old.

## **Staffordshire Angling**

The Staffordshire Angling Regeneration Team – AKA The Star Team – is a teaching group in Stoke-on-Trent that consists of six angling clubs. The group, through angling, brings together people from all communities to encourage better understanding of the environment and awareness of our surroundings.



## **Our Space**

Our Space is a charity that provides social and recreational opportunities for children, young people and adults with disabilities. We offer a range of sessions throughout the week, catering for a range of different age groups. Activities include popular family session on a Saturday afternoon where the whole family can come and enjoy our facilities at The Brook Centre in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The Brook Centre has more than an acre of outside space, an indoor soft play area, a large kitchen and fully accessible toilet facilities. We also provide playschemes during the school holidays and Family Fun Days.



### **Bee Active**

Bee Active is Staffordshire and Cheshire's leading sports and physical education provider. With an innovative approach to teaching sports and physical activity they've created a real 'buzz' in our local area. Bee Active aims to inspire children to lead a more active and healthy lifestyle.



### **Jump 2 It Coaching**

Providing fun and friendly trampolining lessons for disabled children across Stoke-on-Trent. The team run two types of lessons: one for children with learning disabilities and another for children with physical disabilities. The sessions are great for helping with balance, coordination, muscle tone, fitness and much more. Being bounced also gives the children the sense of freedom. Parents/carers need to provide a sling for wheelchair users to use with their hoist. All coaches have been certified by British Gymnastics. The lead coach has training in disability and sport, and the team is fully trained in rebound therapy, first aid, safeguarding children and safe handling.



### **YMCA**

YMCA GO is part of YMCA North Staffordshire. Every second Sunday of the month, YMCA GO will run a session covering dance, drama and performance. The organisation's youth workers have unique skillsets in this area and deliver an exciting, engaging and interactive class that promotes independence, socialisation, communication, mobility and self-awareness. The venues are naturally lit, accessible and safe spaces, and our staff are DBS checked and safeguarding trained. The dance workshops offer a wide range of benefits beyond the obvious improvements in coordination and physical fitness. Regular dancing can lead to strengthened muscle tone, help to maintain concentration and focus and build a person's sense of self-confidence. Dance can also provide a valuable outlet for self-expression that can be enormously beneficial for people who might have difficulty communicating in other ways. This helps to reduce their sense of frustration and enables them to build better relationships with people.



### **Staffordshire Wildlife Trust**

The Trust prides itself on the quality, variety and expertise of its community engagement work. They work with individuals, groups, families and organisations across the county to connect people to conservation and wildlife. They do this by taking positive action in our communities, through fantastic volunteers or specific conservation projects. They provide exciting and fun Wildplay and Wildfamilies sessions, giving children and young people the chance to enjoy the outdoors.

# January 2022

Book core activities for January between 1-10 December and additional activities between 11-15

## Wednesday 4 January

Gifted

### Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall, Sneyd Green

5pm-7pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



## Sunday 8 January

YMCA

### Dance and Drama

YMCA

2:00pm-4:00pm

Ages 10-17 years

12 spaces



## Saturday 14 January

Action for Children

### Youth Club with Chinese New Year Crafts.

Our space

10am-12pm

Ages 12-17

8 spaces



## Friday 6 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Fenton Fun Factory

3:45pm-5:45pm

Ages 0-8 years

5 spaces

## Tuesday 10 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Multi-sensory play

Dimensions

4:00pm-6:00pm

Ages 3-8 years

5 spaces



## Saturday 14 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Just Kidding

Hanley

10am-12pm

Ages 0-8 years

5 spaces

## Friday 6 January

Action for Children

### Meal at Brewers Fayre

Hanley

5pm-7pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces

## Tuesday 10 January

Bee Active

### Sports Session - New Years Theme

Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy

5pm-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



## Sunday 15 January

Action for Children

### Trip to Cosford Air Museum

Leaving from Our Space

10am-3pm

Ages 10-17 years

8 spaces



## Saturday 7 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Bowling & Meal

Tenpin, Festival Park

10am-12pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 spaces



## Wednesday 11 January

Helping Angels

### Tea Club

Hanley Park Lodge

4:30pm-6:30pm

Ages 4-10 years

6 spaces



## Tuesday 17 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Swimming

Dimensions

4pm-6pm

Ages 0-8 years

3 spaces



## Saturday 7 January

Action for Children

### Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm, Bucknall.

1:30pm-3:30pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

## Friday 13 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Games & Crafts

The Bridge Centre

4pm-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 spaces



## Tuesday 17 January

Action for Children

### Bowling

Festival Park

5pm-7pm

Ages 7-12 years

8 spaces



## Sunday 8 January

Jump2It

### Trampolining Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

10 spaces



# January 2022

Book core activities for January between 1-10 December and additional activities between 11-15

## Wednesday 18 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Tubing

Festival Park

4:15pm-5:45pm

Ages 4-11 years

5 spaces

## Friday 20 January

Action for Children

### Bowling and Meal

Festival Park

5pm-7pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces

## Saturday 21 January

Our Space

### Aiming High Family Session

9:30am-12:00pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 50 people This session is exclusively for Aiming High families.



## Saturday 21 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Meal & play

New Florence Wacky Warehouse (Longton)

10am-12pm

Ages 5-11 years

5 spaces

## Saturday 21 January

Gifted

### Creative Music and Media

St Andrews Hall, Sneyd Green

10am-12pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



## Saturday 21 January

Staffordshire Angling

### Fishing

Sammies pool Fenton

10:00am – 2:00pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 spaces

## Saturday 21 January

Action for Children

### Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm, Bucknall.

1:30pm-3:30pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

## Sunday 22 January

Jump2It

### Trampolining Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

10 spaces

## Sunday 22 January

Action for Children

### Sensory session

Chestnut lodge

2pm-4pm

Ages 0-12 years

5 spaces



## Tuesday 24 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Fenton Fun Factory

3:45pm-5:45pm

Ages 0-11 years

5 spaces

## Tuesday 24 January

Bee Active

### Sports Session – Target Games

Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews

Academy

5pm-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



## Wednesday 25 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Swimming

Dimensions

4pm-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

3 spaces



## Wednesday 25 January

Helping Angels

### Movie and Tea club

Hanley Park Lodge

4:30pm-7:30pm

Ages 10-17 years

6 spaces



## Saturday 28 January

Action for Children

### Youth club

Our space

10:00-12:00pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces



## Saturday 28 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Inflato Bounce

10am-12pm

Ages 8-15 years

5 spaces

## Saturday 28 January

Staffordshire Angling

### Fishing

Sammies pool Fenton

10am-2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 spaces

## Saturday 28 January

Action for Children

### Shopping and a Costa

Affinity Outlet

1pm-3pm

Ages 12-17 Years

5 spaces



## Tuesday 31 January

Family Focus Staffs

### Games & Crafts

The Bridge Centre

4pm-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 spaces



Disabled changing facilities

# February 2022

Book core activities for February between 1-10 January and additional activities between 11-15

## Wednesday 1 February

Family Focus Staffs

### Swimming

Dimensions

4pm-6pm

Ages 0-11 years

3 spaces



## Sunday 5 February

Action for Children

### Sensory session

Chestnut lodge

2pm-4pm

Ages 0-12 Years

5 spaces



## Saturday 11 February

Action for Children

### Youth club

Our space

10pm-12pm

Ages 12-17 Years

8 spaces



## Friday 3 February

Action for Children

### Pizza Hut

Festival park

5pm-7pm

Age 8-17 Years

8 spaces



## Tuesday 7 February

Family Focus Staffs

### Meal & Play

New Florence Wacky Warehouse  
(Longton)

4pm-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

5 spaces

## Saturday 11 February

Family Focus Staffs

### Jumbo Fun & Play

Newcastle

10am-12pm

Ages 0-11 years

5 spaces

## Saturday 4 February

Gifted

### Creative Music and Media

St Andrews Hall, Sneyd Green

10am-12pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



## Wednesday 8 February

Family Focus Staffs

### Kilnworx Climbing Centre

4:15pm-6:15pm

Ages 8-15 years

5 spaces

## Sunday 12 February

Action for Children

### Breakfast at Brewers Fayre, trip to Hanley Museum and Shops

9:30am 1:00pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces

## Saturday 4 February

Action for Children

### Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm,

1:30pm-3:30pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

## Wednesday 8 February

Helping Angels

### Valentines baking session

Hanley Park Lodge

4:30pm-6:40pm

Ages 4-10 years

6 spaces



## Tuesday 14 February

Family Focus Staffs

### Bowling & Meal

Tenpin, Festival Park

4:15pm-6:15pm

Ages 8-15 years

6 spaces



## Sunday 5 February

Jump2It

### Trampoline Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

10 spaces

## Wednesday 8 February

Gifted

### Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall, Sneyd Green

5pm-7pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



## Tuesday 14 February

Bee Active

### Multi Sports

Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews  
Academy

5pm-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



## Friday 10 February

Family Focus Staffs

### Kilnworx Climbing Centre

4:15pm-6:15pm

Ages 8-15 years

5 spaces

# February 2022

Book core activities for February between 1-10 January and additional activities between 11-15

## **Wednesday 15 February**

Family Focus Staffs

### **Multi-sensory play**

Dimensions

4pm-6pm

Ages 0-8 years

5 spaces



## **Wednesday 15 February**

Helping Angels

### **Valentines meal and baking session**

Hanley Park Lodge

4:30pm-7:40pm

Ages 10-17 years

6 spaces



## **Friday 17 February**

Action for Children

### **Bowling and Meal**

Festival Park

5pm-7pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces



## **Saturday 18 February**

Our Space

### **Aiming High Family Session**

9:30am-12pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 50 people (to include children, parents /carers and siblings) This session is exclusively for Aiming High families.



## **Saturday 18 February**

Staffordshire Angling

### **Fishing**

Sammies pool Fenton

10am – 2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 spaces

## **Saturday 18 February**

Action for Children

### **Pony Experience with SCEAP**

Great Eaves Farm

1:30pm-3:30pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

## **Sunday 19 February**

Jump2It

### **Trampoline Coaching for Learning Disabilities**

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

10 spaces

## **Sunday 19 February**

YMCA

### **Dance and Drama**

YMCA

2pm-4pm

Ages 10-17 years

12 spaces



## **School Holidays**

### **Staffordshire Wildlife Trust**

Wildplay

### **Westport Lake Visitor Centre**

10am-12pm

Ages 8-16 Years

6 spaces

## **Monday 20 February**

Family Focus Staffs

### **Games & Crafts**

The Bridge Centre

10:30am-12:30pm (TBC)

Ages 4-11 years

6 spaces



## **Monday 20 February**

Action for Children

### **Bouncy Castle and Games**

Wallace Centre

2:30pm-4:30pm

Ages 0-12 Years

8 spaces

## **Tuesday 21 February**

Helping Angels

### **Sensory Play**

Hanley Park Lodge

10am-12pm

Ages 4-10 years

6 spaces



## **Tuesday 21 February**

Family Focus Staffs

### **Swimming**

Dimensions

10:30am-12:30pm (TBC)

Ages 0-11 years

3 spaces



## **Tuesday 21 February**

Helping Angels

### **Meal out at restaurant TBC**

Meeting at Hanley Park Lodge

12:30pm-3:30pm

Ages 10-17 years

8 spaces

## **Tuesday 21 February**

Bee Active

### **Holiday Club**

Ormiston Horizon Academy

2pm-5pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



## **Wednesday 22 February**

Family Focus Staffs

### **Bowling & Meal**

Tenpin, Festival Park

10am-12pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 spaces





# February 2022

Book core activities for February between 1-10 January and additional activities between 11-15

## Wednesday 22 February

Our Space

**Places at Our Space Family Fun Day - drumming activity with Art Brasil**

11am-3pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 15 people (to include children, parents/carers and siblings) The places at this session are at an existing Our Space session ie NOT exclusively for Aiming High families



## Wednesday 22 February

Action for Children

**Crazy Golf**

12pm-2pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces

## Wednesday 22 February

Action for Children

**Apple Tree Town**

3pm-5:30pm

Ages 0-10 years

4 spaces

## Thursday 23 February

Family Focus Staffs

**Inflato Bounce**

10:15am-11:45am

Ages 4-11 years

5 spaces

## Thursday 23 February

Jump2It

**Trampolining Coaching for Learning Disabilities**

The Wallace Centre

12:45pm-2:30pm

Ages 5-17 years

10 spaces

## Thursday 23 February

Our Space

**Places at Our Space Family Session**

1:30pm-4pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 15 people (to include children, parents/carers and siblings) The places at this session are at an existing Our Space session ie NOT exclusively for Aiming High families



## Thursday 23 February

Jump2It

**Trampolining Coaching for PMLD**

The Wallace Centre

3:50pm-5:35pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 spaces



## Friday 24 February

Family Focus Staffs

**Swimming**

Dimensions

10:30am-12:30pm (TBC)

Ages 8-15 years

3 spaces



## Friday 24 February

Action for Children

**Craft and Games**

Our Space

1pm-3pm

Ages 8-17 Years

8 spaces



## Saturday 25 February

Action for Children

**Youth club**

Our space

10am-12pm

Ages 12-17 Years

8 space



## Saturday 25 February

Family Focus Staffs

**Meal & play**

New Florence Wacky Warehouse (Longton)

10am-12pm

Ages 0-11 years

5 spaces

## Saturday 25 February

Staffordshire Angling

**Fishing**

Sammies pool Fenton

10am - 2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 spaces

## Saturday 25 February

Action for Children

**Shopping and a Costa**

Affinity Outlet

1:00pm-3:00pm

Ages 12-17 Years

5 spaces



## School Holidays end

## Tuesday 28 February

Family Focus Staffs

**Swimming**

Dimensions

4:00pm-6:00pm

Ages 4-11 years

3 spaces



## Tuesday 28 February

Bee Active

**Sports Session - Dance Theme**

Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy ST3 3JD

5:00pm-7:00pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



# March 2022

Book core activities for March between 1-10 February and additional activities between 11-15

## Wednesday 1 March

Family Focus Staffs

### Swimming

Dimensions

4pm-6pm

Ages 3-11 years

3 spaces



## Sunday 5 March

Action for Children

### Sensory session

Chestnut lodge

2pm-4pm

Ages 0-12

5 spaces



## Saturday 11 March

Staffordshire Angling

### Fishing

Sammies pool Fenton

10am – 2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 spaces

## Friday 3 March

Action for Children

### Bowling

Festival Park

5pm-7pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces



## Tuesday 7 March

Family Focus Staffs

### Bowling & Meal

Tenpin, Festival Park

4:15pm-6:15pm

Ages 8-15 years

6 spaces



## Saturday 11 March

Action for Children

### Youth club

Our space

10am-12pm

Ages 12-17 years

8 spaces



## Saturday 11 March

Action for Children

### Shopping and Cadwaladers

Trentham Shopping Village

1pm-3pm

Ages 12-17 Years

5 spaces



## Saturday 4 March

Gifted

### Creative Music and Media

St Andrews Hall

10am-12pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



## Wednesday 8 March

Family Focus Staffs

### Swimming

Dimensions

4pm-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

3 spaces



## Sunday 12 March

Our Space

### Places at Our Space Family Fun Day with the Animal Man.

11am-3pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 15 people (to include children, parents/carers and siblings) The places at this session are at an existing Our Space session ie NOT exclusively for Aiming High families



## Saturday 4 March

Action for Children

### Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm

1:30pm-3:30pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

## Wednesday 8 March

Helping Angels

### Tea Club

Hanley Park Lodge

4:30pm-6:40pm

Ages 4-10 years

6 spaces



## Saturday 4 March

Action for Children

### Family Swim

Jubilee2

5pm-6pm

10 family spaces

## Saturday 11 March

Family Focus Staffs

### Swimming

Dimensions

9:45am-11:45am (TBC)

Ages 0-11 years

3 spaces



## Sunday 5 March

Jump2It

### Trampolining Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

10 spaces

## Sunday 12 March

YMCA

### Dance and Drama

YMCA

2pm-4pm

Ages 10-17 years

12 spaces



Disabled changing facilities

# March 2022

Book core activities for March between 1-10 February and additional activities between 11-15

**Tuesday 14 March**  
Family Focus Staffs  
**Fenton Fun Factory**  
3:45pm-5:45pm  
Ages 0-11 years  
4 spaces

**Tuesday 14 March**  
Bee Active  
**Sports Session – Silly Sport Theme**  
Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy  
5pm-7pm  
Ages 4-12 years  
8 spaces



**Wednesday 15 March**  
Family Focus Staffs  
**Multi-sensory play**  
Dimensions  
4pm-6pm  
Ages 0-8 years  
5 spaces



**Friday 17th March**  
Action for Children  
**Toby Carvery,**  
Festival Park  
5pm-7pm  
Ages 8-17 years  
8 spaces

**Saturday 18 March**  
Our Space  
**Aiming High Family Session**  
9:30am-12pm  
Ages 0-17 years  
Up to 50 people (to include children, parents /carers and siblings) This session is exclusively for Aiming High families.



**Saturday 18 March**  
Staffordshire Angling  
**Fishing**  
Sammies pool Fenton  
10am – 2pm  
Ages 7-17 years  
8 spaces

**Saturday 18 March**  
Action for Children  
**Pony Experience with SCEAP**  
Great Eaves Farm  
1:30pm-3:30pm  
Ages 11-17 years  
6 spaces

**Sunday 19 March**  
Jump2It  
**Trampoline Coaching for Learning Disabilities**  
The Wallace Centre  
11:30am-1:15pm  
Ages 5-17 years  
10 spaces

**Tuesday 21 March**  
Family Focus Staffs  
**Meal & play**  
New Florence Wacky Warehouse (Longton)  
4pm-6pm  
Ages 3-11 years  
5 spaces

**Wednesday 22 March**  
Family Focus Staffs  
**Inflato Bounce**  
3:45pm-5:15pm  
Ages 3-11 years  
5 spaces

**Wednesday 22 March**  
Helping Angels  
**Tea Club**  
Hanley Park Lodge  
4:30pm-7:30pm  
Ages 10-17 years  
6 spaces



**Saturday 25 March**  
Action for Children  
**Youth club**  
Our space  
10am-12pm  
Ages 12-17 years  
8 spaces



**Saturday 25 March**  
Family Focus Staffs  
**Just Kidding**  
Hanley  
10am-12pm  
Ages 0-11 years  
5 spaces

**Tuesday 28 March**  
Family Focus Staffs  
**Games & Crafts**  
The Bridge Centre  
4:00pm-6:00pm  
Ages 4-11 years  
6 spaces



**Tuesday 28 March**  
Bee Active  
**Sports Session – Scooter Skills**  
Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy ST3 3JD  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Ages 4-12 years  
8 spaces



**Wednesday 29 March**  
Family Focus Staffs  
**Swimming**  
Dimensions  
4:00pm-6:00pm  
Ages 3-11 years  
3 spaces





# March 2022

Book core activities for March between 1-10 February and additional activities between 11-15

## Wednesday 29 March

Gifted

### Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall, Sneyd Green

5pm-7pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Disabled changing facilities

# Important information

## Activity addresses

### **Abbey Hill School**

Box Lane, Meir,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 5PR

### **Action for Children – Sensory Sessions**

Church Street, Chesterton,  
Newcastle, ST5 7HJ

### **Bee Active**

St Peters Academy, Fenton Manor,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2RR

### **Family Focus**

The Bridge Centre, Birches Head  
Road, ST2 8DD  
Tel: 07726 721 433

### **Dimensions Leisure Centre**

Scotia Road, Stoke-on-Trent,  
ST6 4GT

### **FRONTLINE Dance**

Stoke-on-Trent College,  
Moorland Road, Burslem,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 1JJ  
Tel: 07919 026 962

### **Gifted**

(Wednesday)  
Wesley Hall, Noblett Road,  
Sneyd Green, ST1 6HR  
Tel: 07970 770 990

(Saturday)  
St Andrews Church,  
Sneyd Green, ST6 2NW

### **Hazel Trees**

135 Duke Street,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 3NR

### **Helping Angels**

Hanley Park Lodge, Cleveland  
Raod, Hanley, ST14DX

### **Jump2It Coaching**

The Wallace Centre, Abbots Road,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DU  
Tel: 07732 814 510

### **Kemball School**

Beaconsfield Drive, Blurton,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 3JD

### **Our Space**

The Brook Centre, Stanier Street  
Newcastle, ST5 2SU  
Tel: 01782 436 758

### **Regent College**

77 Shelton New Rd,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7AA

### **SCEAP**

Great Eaves Farm  
Eaves Lane, Bucknall, ST2 8LY

### **Staffordshire Angling**

Sammie's Pool, Fenpark Road,  
Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2PD  
(off Sloane Way ST4 3QZ)

### **Staffordshire Wildlife**

Westport Lake Visitor Centre,  
Westport Lake Road,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4RZ  
Tel: 01782 826 985

### **Stoke City Community Trust**

Bet365 Stadium, Stanley Matthews  
Way, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 4EG

### **YMCA**

Harding Rd, Stoke-on-Trent  
ST1 3AE

## Other venues

### **Kilnworx Climbing Centre**

Wycliffe Hall, Wycliffe St, Burslem  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3E

### **Just Kidding Hanley**

Etruria Road, Hanley,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 5NH

### **Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy**

Beaconsfield Drive, Blurton,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 3JD

### **Ormiston Horizon Academy**

Turnhurst Road, Tunstall,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6JZ

### **Fenton Manor Sports Complex**

City Road, Fenton,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2RR

### **Westfield Children's Centre**

Buccleuch Road, Longton,  
Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 4RF

### **Blurton Children's Centre**

Oakwood Road, Stoke-on-Trent,  
ST3 3AR

### **Jumbo Fun and Play**

9 Liverpool Road,  
Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 2AU

# The important details

## **If you can't make it**

Please give us at least 24 hours' notice if you can't make an activity. The sooner you let us know, the sooner we can offer a place to another child.

If you don't turn up for three sessions in three months (without telling us beforehand), we may, sadly, not be able to offer you places in the future. We completely understand there may be times when you won't be able to let us know in advance, like emergency appointments or your child being ill. Please get in touch within 48 hours of the activity finishing.

## **Non-payment**

As well as core activities, you can book extra sessions. The price of these varies. Transport to and from an activity also costs extra. You'll need to pay for extra activities and any transport by the end of each month. We'll tell you how much this is before you book. If you want to talk about payments, please call the service coordinator on 01782 982250.

## **Bullying, harassment and abuse**

We take a zero-tolerance approach to physical or verbal bullying, harassment and abuse. Anyone who abuses Action for Children staff or volunteers risks ruining the activity programme for other families.

We know that caring for children can be

stressful, and hope that our short break activities will help. Sadly, there have been times when a parent or carer has got frustrated or angry on the phone. We'll always try to help, but there may be occasions when we won't be able to. Our staff will put the phone down and ask that a parent or carer calls back when they're feeling calmer.

## **Parents and/or carers staying with their children at activities**

As a rule, we suggest that parents and/or carers don't stay with their children at our activities. The aim of the programme is to help children pick up new skills and build independence. We also want to give you a break. We do understand that some children need help to settle in, though, and will happily talk to you about a short-term plan. You can speak to the service coordinator to find out more. We also run activities for the whole family to enjoy together.

## **Children coming for the first time**

We want every child to have a brilliant time and feel safe. We've introduced a policy for children who are new to the programme. A child's first two sessions are limited to between two and three hours, and will take place near your home. This means we can get your support if needed. We'll explain this when you book for the first time.

## **Get in touch**

### **Booking line**

01782 982250 (Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm)

### **Out of hours**

To inform us that your child is unable to attend an activity or your transport has not arrived call the number above to hear the out of hours number.

**Booking email address** - [web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk)

**Action for Children office address** - The Brook Centre, Stanier Street, Newcastle, ST5 2SU.

**Please visit** - [Services.actionforchildren.org.uk/SAH](https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/SAH) for more information.



# The legal bit

When your child starts using an Action for Children project – or takes part in any of our activities – we record their personal data. Depending on the type of project, this might include sensitive information. This will always be kept safe and secure.

We'll ask you for your consent first. We want you to feel happy about what you've given us, understand what it might be used for and who it might be shared with. Because we have a duty to protect children and young people, we'll share information with other organisations to keep a child (or someone else) safe.

## Data protection

Action for Children works within legal data protection guidelines. We support your right to privacy and to see, change and challenge information we hold about you.

We also have our own rules about how your information is stored and used. Lots of the services that Action for Children runs are paid for by other organisations, including both local and national government. If this is the case, the data you give us will also be shared with that organisation.

Action for Children and the organisations we work with may jointly 'control' the data. In some cases, one organisation will control the data. A data controller is the organisation (or organisations) responsible for making sure your information is dealt with in the right way. The data controller depends on the project or service you use.

The data controller is legally responsible for what they do with your information. Action for Children is responsible for what we do with your personal information.

## What we do with your information

We need your information to help us run high quality services for children, young people and their families. We keep this information either in an electronic or a paper file.

The file contains details about you and the important people in your life. This includes anyone who lives with you, as well as social workers, teachers and doctors.

You can ask to see your information at any time, just ask a member of the team.

A senior manager and the staff who are working with you look after your file. This file is always stored somewhere secure. Other managers and staff may monitor (audit) your file.

We keep your file for as long as we need to, by law. The length of time we keep your file depends on the service you're using.

## Find out more

If you'd like more information, please speak to someone at Stoke Aiming High or get in touch with our Information Governance Officer. You can call 01923 361 500 or visit: **[www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)**

You can read about the Data Protection Act and your rights on the Information Commissioner's website: **[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)**

Action for Children isn't responsible for the content of external websites.



## Safe and happy childhood

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

### Find out more

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