



Gateway Card

For children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs



Hampshire
County Council

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What is the Gateway Card?

The Gateway Card is free and will give you access to activities, play schemes and buddy schemes available through our short breaks programme.

There are many benefits:

- it gives you access to a range of short break activities
- you can use your Gateway Card to book buddies through our buddy scheme
- when you register, we will keep your details so you do not need to fill out funding forms at each activity your child attends
- it identifies to activity providers that your child has a disability and/or additional needs and may require support to access activities
- it helps activity providers apply for funding to support your child, such as training, resources and additional staff
- the information you provide helps us plan short breaks so that there is a fair distribution across Hampshire
- it helps us to work with activity providers to provide you with additional benefits, such as free places for carers and attendance to autism friendly cinema screenings and more.



Who is the Gateway Card for?

The Gateway Card is for children and young people who:

- have a disability and/or additional needs and may require support to participate in leisure and recreation activities
- are between 0 to 19 years old
- live in Hampshire and/or attend a school in Hampshire (excluding Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight as they have similar schemes).

Can we access short breaks without a Gateway Card?

Yes. However, from 1 April 2012, you will be required to register for a Gateway Card to use any activities funded by our short breaks programme. So get in early and register for your card so that you can gain from the benefits of the card now.

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Will we still have to pay for short break activities when we use the card?

You will have to pay the standard cost for your child to attend the activity. The Gateway Card will help activity providers apply for funding to cover any additional costs that are required for your child to participate fully.

How do we register for a Gateway Card?

- You can register for a Gateway Card at www.hants.gov.uk/gatewaycard
- Or you can complete the attached form and return it to us in the post (no stamp required).



Further information

- For more information about short breaks
- If you have applied for a Gateway Card and would like to update your contact details
- If you would like this leaflet in another language or format, such as large print or audio

Telephone: 01962 846399

Email: shortbreaks@hants.gov.uk

Website: www.hants.gov.uk/shortbreaks



Gateway card registration form

To register for a Gateway Card, please complete the form below and return it in the post (no stamp required).

The information you provide will be used to issue a Gateway Card. Your information will be held on a database until the child/young person is **20 years old** for monitoring and information purposes, and to help Hampshire County Council meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs.

Keeping you informed

We would like to keep you informed about our short breaks programme, activities that your child or young person may benefit from, and send you invitations to attend consultation events to help us plan and develop the short breaks programme. If you wish to receive these updates, please tick here

Child's name:

Parent/carer's name(s):

Home address:

Postcode:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Date of birth:

The following information will help us plan and develop appropriate short breaks for you and your child in your local area (this information is not mandatory).

Please tick any of the following that apply. My child has:

- an autistic spectrum disorder
- a learning disability
- a physical disability
- a sensory impairment
- complex health care needs
- challenging behaviour

If your child has a disability and/or additional requirements other than those listed above, please provide brief details below:

Please circle whichever applies if your child receives Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for:

- care: lower rate / middle rate / higher rate
- mobility: lower rate / higher rate

Gender (please tick): Male Female

Ethnicity:

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Declaration: My child lives in Hampshire and/or attends a school in Hampshire (excluding Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight)

Signature:

Date:

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