

Support in Staffordshire for families:

Aiming High Activities: Staffordshire Local Authority provide a series of activities for children with learning difficulties throughout the year. Following the announcement from the government about the second national lockdown, they have updated schools with information regarding the Aiming High activities and services.

The local authority is working very closely with their providers to see what activities can be safely provided during November and December. This may mean that unfortunately some of the face to face activities previously planned will have to change to virtual sessions, while other sessions may need to be moved to a later date. As soon as the local authority have any further details they will post any changes on Staffordshire Connects at the link below:



<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/results.page?localofferchannel=6-1-8>

If you have already booked places on an activity that needs to be changed then the local authority providers will be contacting you in the near future with details of any new arrangements. If you have any questions in the meantime though, please speak to the local authority booking team on 0300 111 8007 (option 5).

We and the local authority understand that this may be a very worrying time for lots of families and so alongside our providers and the local authority, we will continue to provide you with updated information as soon as we know of it. Therefore, we have included some information below on other support that is currently available which we hope you will find useful.

Emotional Wellbeing Support: Information on emotional wellbeing support is available on Staffordshire Connects at the link below:

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/advice.page?id=4Pf3vU6K9yM>



Family Hubs: Eight Family Hubs have been launched across Staffordshire to provide virtual advice and support and these are also a good way to connect with other people in your local area. For more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Coronavirus/Help-and-support/Family-Hubs.aspx>

Family Support Service: If you feel that your family needs some extra support then help is available from the County Council's Family Support Service.



For more information please contact myself at school or email the local authority at aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk and either of us can share more details with you about the service and put you in touch with the service.

Family Fund Grants: The Family Fund is a UK wide charity that provides grants for essential items to families on low incomes who are raising disabled or seriously ill children. Families can apply for

grants for a wide variety of items that they feel could help their disabled child and ease some of the everyday pressures they face. These can include kitchen appliances, computers and tablets, furniture, sensory toys, clothing and bedding and more. Full details of the grant and information on how families can apply is available at the link below:



<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/FAQs/how-do-we-apply>

I hope this information is useful to you.

Take care

Mrs Cadman