

As we continue to grow as a charity and expand our 'Accessible For All' programme it's important to have some guidelines in place for those organising events and play opportunities. With nearly 400 disabled children now registered with us, the majority of whom are neurodiverse children, we need to make sure that those with more severe and physical disabilities are fully represented and stay at the core of what we set out to do when the DCF began in 2013.

When arranging accessible activities, we must try and make sure that all disabilities are catered for and wherever possible we must open up these activities to all the children on our books using a clear booking system. We will continue to assess how we advertise these events in order to reach as many of our families as possible, so they all have an equal opportunity to book.

With so many now registered we cannot possibly provide for all children at single events but by spreading out our events over a wider area, increasing the frequency and utilising our subgroups like the new Saturday Club and SENTurians, Doors Open, Little Stars and Something Special etc we should be able to provide something for those that want it. When numbers need to be restricted due to venue size or covid restrictions etc we now have clear guidelines of how we should prioritise those that can attend.

- Children with access requirements who would not have the option to attend a mainstream event or one of the SEN activities provided by the local council or other local organisation (we will continue to work with the local councils to help them improve their provision).
- Children with life limiting/serious medical conditions who regularly have hospital stays that impact their quality of life and access to play opportunities.
- Families who are currently accessing our counselling services (these families will be encouraged to attend our events by our counsellors to ensure confidentiality).
- Those who we have identified, through building relationships etc as needing extra support.

In order to make sure we fully understand the families we have on our register; we will be updating our registration forms so we can easily identify those with physical disabilities who require accessible venues and facilities and so that we can 'at a glance' see the location of our families which will help us plan our activities in order to meet the location needs of as many as possible.

We will strive to provide outdoor events when weather allows so that we can accommodate as many families as possible and encourage our families to come together.