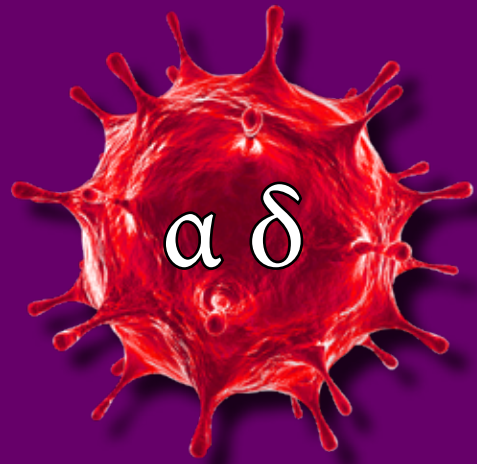




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'Through The Waves'
Play-Provision redesigned



Special Needs Play-Provision Report
Autumn 2021

Meeting the demands of changing needs and rules .

Whilst this brochure reflects images taken during the summer Playschemes of 2021 it is perhaps appropriate to reflect on how we needed to adapt our provisions to meet the constantly changing requirements being placed on us as the Covid pandemic eased and lockdown rules gradually changed.

Our primary focus as always has been on the safety and wellbeing of our children and we do hope that the smiles you see in the pages in this report show how they have responded to the level of care within our services.

We ran our Covid provisions continuously between April and September 2020 and these were primarily for children referred to us that were not in school. This extended through the lockdown period from December to March as schools were expected to remain open.

However from Easter 2021 we were able to offer places to parents that applied regardless of whether they were in school or not. At this time the Specialist Playscheme was based at Highbury Community Centre, The Stacey Centre and Stamshaw & Tipner Community Centre and running at a lower capacity due to government restrictions in place at the time. The mild to moderate Playscheme took place at Landport Community Centre and was part of Portsmouth City Council's pilot for the HAF (Healthy Activities and Food) programme which supported vulnerable families.

At the June 2021 half term we delivered the Specialist Playschemes at The Stacey Centre and Tipner & Stamshaw Community Centre, and the mild to moderate Playscheme at Landport Community Centre.

As well as having an established base at the Stacey Centre, we found an additional new home for our specialist playscheme at Morelands Primary School. This venue has a vast amount of outdoor space that the children require to enable them more freedom to play. We ran this along a separate Specialist Playscheme at The Stacey Centre.

We were also once again awarded HAF funding from PCC for the Landport Playscheme specifically for mild to moderate children in mainstream education and with EHCP's. Through this we were able to add an additional mild to moderate playscheme at Paulsgrove Community Centre. Both schemes were funded to offer quality trips and activities to children in mainstream education with EHCP's who attended the Playscheme.

Throughout the whole year we had teams at :-

Specialist Playschemes:

The Stacey Centre - started February 2021

Highbury Community Centre - October 2020, February, Easter 2021 only

Morelands Primary School- summer 2021

Stamshaw Tipner Community Centre (Easter and June half term only)

All above schemes were funded by Portsmouth Short Breaks

Mild to moderate Playschemes:

Landport - Community Centre every holiday but Xmas.

Paulsgrove Community Centre - Summer 2021 which consisted of 6 staff.

Apart from the Playscheme that we have been running out of Landport CC all of the others have changed locations over the period. We hope that this hasn't caused too many issues for the families and carers but we do know that when the children are with us their smiles tell us we are getting it right!



Dressing Up & Special Visitors at the Stacey Centre





Paulsgrove Community Centre home and away days





Morelands Primary School





Landport Community Centre Playscheme





Stacey Centre Playscheme





Festival Day at Morelands School





More at the Stacey Centre





Outdoor Fun



Meet the delivery teams:



Julie Nethercote
Deputy Manager

Specialist Playschemes - Morelands & Stacey Centre



Michelle Morgan
Team Leader



Dannii Dean
Team Leader: Morelands



Harriet Goddard
Senior: Morelands



Charlotte Bleach
Senior: Stacey Centre



Jackie Munro
Senior: Stacey Centre

Mild to Moderate Playschemes - Landport & Paulsgrove



Mia Sandells
Senior: Landport Playscheme



Cathy-Anne Gray
Deputy: Landport Playscheme



Ashlyn Collins
Senior: Paulsgrove Playscheme



Evan Watts
Deputy: Paulsgrove Playscheme



A Footnote from the Editor:

It always fills me with pleasure to come along and take photos at the Playschemes and see the smiles on the children's faces along with the welcome I get and in particular from my young friend Alex who always greets me with a hug.

Cover Photo: Super Hero fun at Landport Community Centre Playscheme



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